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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

AMERICAN FEELING CONCERNING THE PERSIA.

ALLIES TAKE STRONG ACTION IN SALONICA.

Reported Wholesale Arrests on Esp'onage Charge.

GERMANS AGAIN REPULSED IN THE WEST.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE PERSIA.

CONFUSION REGARDING LISTS OF SURVIVORS.

January 3, 2.45 p.m.

Much confusion has arisen concerning the Persia's lists of survivors, owing to mis-spellings and differences in initials, especially in the case of Indian names, of which there is no record in London. The exact particulars are awaited.

FEELING IN AMERICA.

January 3, 1.25 p.m.

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GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

ALLIED AND GREEK TROOPS FRATERNISE.

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STAMPING OUT ESPIONAGE.

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THE GLENGYLE.

3 EUROPEANS AND 7 CHINESE MISSING.

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GERMANS FLEE BEFORE FRENCH FIRE.

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The French trench-guns in Argonne were effective in firing against the enemy's works. The Germans, who fled, were caught by a storm of fire from the 75's.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra].

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH FRONT.

January 3, 1.10 a.m.

A British official despatch states that the enemy in the morning sprang a mine in front of our trenches east of Givenchy, but did not attempt to occupy the crater. During the afternoon we exploded three mines at La Boiselles, our artillery and trench mortars co-operating. Our artillery likewise bombarded hostile trenches north of Fromelles and east of Ypres. The enemy replied to the former vigorously, but without doing damage. There was normal activity on the rest of the front.

"JACK" VISITS "TOMMY."

January 3, 3.05 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters reports that a delightful surprise in the trenches was the arrival of a naval party comprising fifty men of various ratings. The authorities have inaugurated such visits so that the men of the Fleet may know how the Army is fighting. The idea is excellent as Jack during a howling night in the darkness of the Dogger Bank might fancy Tommy's job to be soft. A petty officer, who has twice fought in the Bight, has been a hunter of submarines and has been mined, said after a night in the trenches: "I wouldn't change places with Tommy for the pay of a Port Admiral. I can tell my mates what is almost past believing." The blue-jackets, disguised in ill-fitting khaki, were an amusing sight. A bomb attack organised against the Germans over-joyed the Jack Tars, who hurled their own share of grenades and then watched the soldiers most zestfully. Lectures gave the party an idea of the military situation.

CONFIDENCE IN VICTORY.

January 3, 3.05 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig and General Joffre exchanged most cordial New Year greetings, with an expression of hope and confidence in the complete defeat of the enemy.

THE RUSSIANS.

CZERNOWITZ SUCCESS CONFIRMED.

January 3, 1.10 a.m.

An official despatch published in Petrograd confirms Reuter's report of a Russian success at Czernowitz.

THE PERSIA.

NO ASSISTANCE FROM SUBMARINE.

January 3, 2.45 a.m.

The Hon. Clive Bigham has telegraphed Lord Inchcape (Chairman of the P. and O. Company) that a torpedo struck the Persia on the port bow, when 40 miles southward of Crete. The submarine made no attempt to render assistance. It was impossible to lower the starboard boats owing to the heavy list. Four or six boats, however, were able to be lowered on the port side. "Then I did not see myself as I was washed overboard when the boats capsized. The conduct of the passengers and crew was splendid. There was no struggling and no panic. Four boats, after being 30 hours at sea, were picked up by a warship, and those in the boats were received with the greatest kindness. A search is being made for the remaining boats in the neighbourhood of the disaster." A message from Cairo says that the waves soon swept the deck, and hurled passengers and crew into the water. The Hon. Clive Bigham (sank) but on coming up bumped his head against a boat, and was thus saved. There is little hope of the recovery of the two missing boats.

WAR TELEGRAMS

THE PERSIA.

WHAT THE PRESS THINKS.

January 3, 5.05 a.m.

All the papers express horror and indignation at the latest submarine enormity. The *Times* states:—"Even Austrian impudence and cynicism cannot plead that five minutes is time enough to get hundreds into the boats. A repetition of such attacks in particular waters ought not to be possible. We cleared submarines from our home waters when we took the task seriously in hand; we should be able to baffle them along our chief route to the East as well." The *Daily Chronicle* says:—"The case of the Persia is on all fours with that of the Lusitania. We in this country scarcely need fresh reminders of the barbarity against which we are fighting in order to stiffen our determination to fight it down and out. That the murdered women and children of the Persia will be in our minds when the day of reckoning comes there can be no doubt whatever." The *Morning Post* says: "Such disasters are a consequence of war waged by an enemy who has consistently and cynically violated all the laws of nations and the customs of humanity." The *Daily Graphic* says: "The Germans have added a fresh infamy to the many they have already committed." The *Daily Telegraph* says: "Louder than ever it is proclaimed to all the world that the victory of Germany would be a victory of sheer brute force and bloody-minded vindictiveness without sense or conscience for anything but the work of imposing a yoke upon the rest of mankind. The Persia massacre has effected that much but no more. It might have strengthened, if that were possible, the resolution of the Allies to rid Europe of this organised devilry; as things stand it has merely deepened the loathing with which the German name is regarded throughout the civilised world." The *Daily Mail* says: "As it is fruitless to denounce the Tirpitz pirates, the object of the nation must be to hit them hard and hurt both them and a people that preens itself on their infamies. The cowardly sinking of the Persia will steel the hearts of Britons and prompt them not to mere denunciation but to action." The *Daily News* says: "In this instance the grief and suffering to which the Atlantic murders inured us is shared by our fellow citizens in India and the link of sorrow will not be any less real or enduring than the link of victory." The *Daily Express* says: "Germany has elected to turn Europe into a shambles; she must pay the full and better penalty."

FURTHER LISTS OF SURVIVORS.

January 3, 7 25 p.m.

A further list of survivors gives the names of Lieut. C. W. F. Scott, Lieut. J. Miller, Mr. Hutchinson and child, Mr. Vishandas Goenaldas Barnanand, Mr. R. Ratanchand Munda Indrasingh, Mr. J. Knubchand and Mr. M. Essards.

Of the crew there have also been saved Second Officer Wood and Engineers Ayes, Ireland, Matthews, Hazelwood and Mallow.

A third list of survivors includes the names of Mrs. Bardrone, Mrs. Browne, Mr. Bachmann, Bombardier Curtis, Mr. Cooper, Miss Dorogex, Mr. L. W. Gascoigne, Mr. George Gifford, Mr. Gopaldas, Mr. A. Graves, Mr. Charles Grant, Miss Guyot, Mr. and Miss Gabour, Mr. M. R. A. Harkness, Mr. and Mrs. Hawick, Mr. J. Jacoun, Miss Markwich, Lieut. Cecil Pegg, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Mrs. M. E. Smith, Mr. H. A Smyth, Miss E. Smith, Mr. B Sutler, Mr. Herbert Salmon, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Sharp, Miss Isobel Sharp, Mr. Vishindas, Mr. R. Garner and Mr. Ratanchand Indrasing Parasam.

CONSCRIPTION.

NO EXEMPTION FOR IRELAND.

January 3, 3.05 a.m.

It is report that Ireland will not be exempted from the provisions of the Conscription Bill.

SIR JOHN SIMON RETIRES.

January 3, 5.25 a.m.

The *Daily Chronicle* announces that Sir John Simon, Home Secretary has resigned.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

KING PETER WELCOMED.

January 3, 5.25 a.m.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Athens says the Greek Government has extended a hearty welcome to King Peter of Serbia.

January 3, 12.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica telegraphs that it is understood that the Serbian Government will be established in Salonica similar to the Belgian Government in Havre.

MORE PIRACY.

BRITISH AND JAPANESE STEAMERS SUNK.

The British steamer Glengyle, 9,000 tons, and the Japanese steamer Kokuka Maru, 2,890 tons, have been sunk probably by the same submarine which sank the Persia. It is reported that about one hundred survivors of the Glengyle, which was bound from Vladivostok to London,

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Deportation of Tod Sloan.

Tod Sloan, the former jockey, whose deportation has been ordered by the Home Secretary, left London late last night for Liverpool, and is sailing for America to-day, says the *Globe* of November 24. Detectives accompanied him to Liverpool and saw him on to the liner. Mlle. d'Herlys, the actress, and a friend of Sloan's who was also arrested, left London at 8.15 a.m. to-day for France, accompanied by her mother. The Home Secretary made the order under the Defence of the Realm Act.

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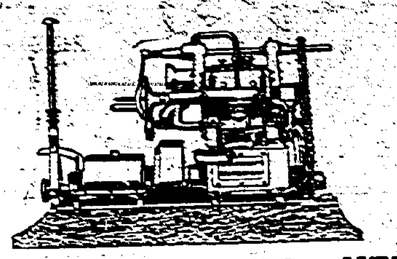

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

Shipping on the Pacific.

Some time ago a most interesting sketch was published in a London paper of Herr Ballin, who was described as the "sea king of Germany." Shipping circles the world over are familiar with the name of the man who gave such a wonderful incentive to the mercantile marine of his country, but few of us are familiar with the fact now revealed that he has been a bitter opponent of the practice of subsidising lines of steamers by Governments. In the light of this fact, attributed to one of the most aggressive and enterprising heads of a huge shipping concern, it is of some interest to turn our eyes "near home," and see what reflections the United States Consul at Yokohama has to make on the continued subsidy, by the Japanese Government, of liners carrying the flag of Nippon across the seas.

Daily Press.

Compulsory Enlistment.

The latest news from Home encourages the belief that the introduction of Compulsory National Service will not be productive of the serious dissension which was feared. A week ago it was announced that the members of the Government were widely divided on the subject, and that an appeal to the electors appeared inevitable. Obviously, anything in the nature of a general election would be unfortunate at the present juncture, when it is not merely desirable to show an absolutely united front to the world but necessary, also, to concentrate the whole energies of the nation on the serious business of winning the war. These considerations weighed heavily, no doubt, with those members of the Cabinet who still cling affectionately to the voluntary system, which has served us so well hitherto, and induced them, however reluctantly, to relinquish their personal predilection. It is certainly a matter for regret that the disinclination of some sections of the community to undertake their obvious duty should have deprived the Empire of the opportunity of being able to point with pride to the fact that the free-will offerings of its sons, enabled it to perform its full share of the task of liberating Europe from the menace of the Prussian jack-boot.

China Mail.

German Dishonesty.

More than four months ago, the German Ambassador at Washington specifically informed the Government of the United States, that the German Government had adopted the policy, that no liners should be sunk without warning and ensuring the safety of the lives of non-combatants, unless such vessels offered resistance or attempted to escape. The utter worthlessness of these pledges was soon demonstrated by the sinking of the *Arabic*, the attack on the Allan liner *Hesperian*, and, again, by the sinking of the liner *Ancona*, involving considerable loss of life. This last outrage was the work of an Austrian submarine, but in this matter Austria is, of course, governed by the German policy. Indeed, Austria's latest Note to the United States, shows that she positively concurs in the principle that submarine vessels, if they do not try to escape or resist, shall not be destroyed until passengers and crew are placed in safety.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A Church Quarrel.

Two Philadelphia Presbyterian churches—the Puritan, at Second and Clearfield streets, and the First Church, in Ulney—are deadlocked in a contest for a bequest of £15,900, which is to go to the church which is "doing the most work." A committee appointed to decide the matter met yesterday in the Witherspoon Building, but was unable to reach agreement. The bequest is contained in the will of Mr. Henry B Palethorp, and the money has been available since last June.

Innovations to meet Light Restrictions.

The darkening of London streets by night has introduced many innovations, such as the whitening of the kerb stones. The latest is the marking of the constables on point duty with a broad, white band above the left cuff. This will enable drivers of vehicles to distinguish the checking official arm which otherwise in its mantle of dark blue would be lost in the gloom. "They will be whitewashing us all over soon," said a policeman, "and I don't know but what we shall want it when the fogs come real and good."

Toll of British Submarines.

Seven British submarines have now been sunk or destroyed and one damaged and interned. AE 1 (an Australian boat) was lost on September 14, 1914, by accident; E 3 was sunk by the enemy on October 18, 1914; D 5 was sunk by a mine off Yarmouth on November 3, 1914. E 15 was lost in the Dardanelles April 7; AE 2 in the Dardanelles April 30; E 7 in the Dardanelles September 20; and now E 20 in the same waters. E 13 was driven ashore on the Danish coast on August 19, 1915, but after being shelled by the Germans was refloated and saved. She is now interned in Denmark.

The Late Mr Booker Washington

Tusegee, Ala., Nov. 17.—Simplicity marked the funeral of Mr. Booker T. Washington, noted negro educator, race leader and author, which took place here this morning at Tuskegee Institute. Fully 8,000 persons attended, only 2,500 of whom could get into the chapel. The procession was headed by the board of trustees. The Episcopal burial service was read and many old plantation songs which Doctor Washington loved so well were sung. A few of the thousands of telegrams of condolence from all parts of the country were read.

£12,000 for Westminster Cathedral.

Among the bequests of Mr. John Henry Joyce, of the Burlington Hotel, Folkestone, barrister-at-law, who left estate of the gross value of £51,098 4s. 6d., are: £12,000 for the marble decoration of Westminster Cathedral, his automobile, the bank notes and gold in his possession or in a box, and the income from $25,000 Canadian Pacific Railway Debentures and $10,000 Illinois Central Gold Bonds to his faithful servant Frank Waldron. After other legacies, the residue of the property is left to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark to establish and maintain new missions.

The Greek Navy.

As the Greek Navy may soon be called on for active service, it may be noted it has had the advantage of British training and instruction by staffs of officers under Rear-Admiral L. G. Tufnell and Mark Kerr. Since the conclusion of war with Turkey, the Fleet has been improved by the addition in July, 1914, of two fairly good ironclads from the United States Navy, the "Mississippi" and "Idaho," which are renamed "Kilkis" and "Lemnos" respectively, and by the addition of new torpedo craft. The light cruiser "Helli," formerly the Chinese "Fei Hung," was also purchased from the New York Shipbuilding Company on completion in the summer of 1914, and is now serving with the seagoing fleet. The battle-cruiser "Salamis," building at the Vulcan Yard, Stettin, when the present war broke out, has been seized by the Germans.

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GENERAL NEWS.

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Forthcoming Wedding.

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The Singapore Chinese Volunteers.

His Excellency the Governor of the Straits Settlements has been pleased to approve of Lieut. Song Ong-siang to be captain; and Messrs Seah Cheng-joo, Tan Chew-kim, Tan Soo-bin and Tan Quee-wah to be second lieutenants in the Singapore Volunteer Infantry.

Missing Shropshire Officer.

It has been reported to the Dublin police that a missing Army officer fell overboard from the steamer Greenore on a trip from Holyhead to Dublin last week. In his portmanteau was found a ticket in the name of Lieutenant C. S. Kenny, Shropshire Light Infantry.

Husband Snores Too Much.

Because her husband snores, Mrs. Wilhelmina Vinson of Philadelphia refuses to be reconciled and return to him. She had him arraigned in juvenile court on a charge of non-support, and after Judge Brown had failed in his efforts to reconcile the pair, an order of $4 a week was made on the husband.

The Dynamite Cure.

A report from Sadong states that a Chinese mice coolie who was stung by a scorpion was advised by his friends to eat some dynamite. He followed their advice with the result that he nearly died; a tough constitution and the Hospital Dresser managed, however, to pull him through.—*Singapore Free Press.*

Singapore Mortality Returns.

The rate of mortality in the Settlement of Singapore for the week ended December 18 was 24.10 per mille of the population. The total number of deaths was 157, of which 105 were male subjects and 52 female. Convulsions claimed 19, phthisis 28 and malaria fever 18. The highest number of adult deaths, 28, took place between the ages of 25 and 45. The deaths under three months numbered 30 and between that age and one year 12. Three Europeans died, 1 Eurasian, 123 Chinese, 23 Malays and 10 Indians.

Malacca Planters' Association.

At a well attended meeting of the Malacca Planters' Association held in the Malacca Club on December 19, says the *Pinang Gazette* the following resolution was moved: That during the present shortage of labour managers be authorised at their discretion to utilise the labour they have to tap all or any vacant lots at Association rates, but that it be distinctly understood that all the members of the Association agree to revert to the existing rules regarding minimum task and maximum wages as soon as there is sufficient labour available. Other topics discussed were—Afternoon work, Rebates on Quit Rent, Rubber Dealers Enactment, Coolies' Discharge Tickets.

GENERAL NEWS.

Germans to pay for Zeppelin Damage.

The Germans will have to pay the bill for the damage done by Zeppelins. A careful account is being kept by the police authorities in different parts of the country of the damage done. When the war is over the various totals will be added together, and the whole bill presented to Germany.

Strike at Penang.

Penang, December 24.—Ninety Chinese employed on night sanitary work struck at midnight as a protest against the discharge of ten who were replaced by Tamils. The police were summoned as things looked ugly, but eventually the Municipal Engineer was summoned and an arrangement come to. There was several hours' delay in the despatch of the collecting motor.—*Straits Times.*

Another Gang-Robbery in the F.M.S.

Ipoh, December 24.—News has reached Ipoh of a gang robbery in the mining village of Timoh. Three shops were invaded and goods to the value of $800 taken. The robbers were armed with revolvers and knives and attacked the police. During the affray, two Chinese and a Malay are said to have been shot. The robbers numbered about thirty.—*Singapore Free Press.*

The German Submarine Commander.

It is the view of Sir Francis Piggott that if the commander of a German submarine torpedo a British liner and sink her, it will not avail his Government who sent him on his mission of destruction to say he did not know an American citizen was on board and there was no time to inquire; nor will an expression of regret turn a damnable act of murder into a loyal act, such as belligerents are bound to perform towards citizens of neutral countries. It remains a disloyal act for which the neutral Government is entitled to seek reparation.

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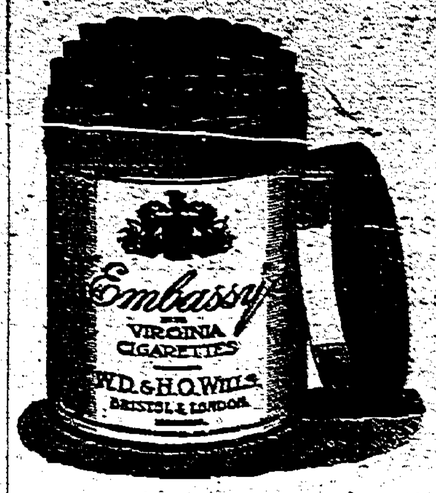

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THE SKILLED, HALF-SKILLED AND UNSKILLED.

One needs an almost more than Job-like patience when one reads of the attempts, first by the Minister of Munitions and now by the Prime Minister himself, to conciliate the men whose work it is to supply the troops in the trenches with sufficient ammunition to oppose Germany. Next to the fact that there are several hundred thousand young men who can only be persuaded by force to don the King's uniform, the saddest feature of the war will ever be that there are other men whose minds are so sordid that they must needs take advantage of their country's troubles to harass the Government unduly on matters that are of no earthly consequence to the public at large.

It is good that a man should take a pride in his trade; that he should take a pride in seeing himself efficient; it is good, too, under normal circumstances, that he should be jealous for the high reputation of that trade and should be unwilling to see incompetent persons posing as adepts. We pass over the fact that we have come in contact with certain specimens of the so-called qualified British workman who were many degrees in efficiency behind quite a large number of amateurs. We will take it, for the sake of argument, that the men to whom the Premier and Mr. Lloyd George have been kowtowing are all thoroughly competent men and are just as anxious to see bunglers excluded from their craft as doctors and lawyers are desirous of seeing unqualified men prohibited from practising law or medicine. Every good doctor abominates an amateur; but what sort of doctor would he be that regarded the saving of human life by a layman, who succeeded in e.g. restoring suspended animation, as a trespass on his own professional rights? In life-saving, if there is no doctor handy the half-skilled or the unskilled man must follow his good sense, keeping before him the one object: that of saving a fellow man from death.

Our gallant army of skilled munition workers are faced with a life-saving programme on a tragically large scale; one with which they cannot hope to deal unaided. The admission of the half-skilled and the unskilled would solve the problem; and yet only after repeated appeals from members of the Ministry, whose time may be supposed to be of value, can these patriots be got to see the desirability of their being helped in their task by persons who have not served an apprenticeship to their trade. We read, in one of the latest wires on the subject, that the deputation of "workers" has "consented actively to co-operate with the scheme of dilution." But will they keep their word? At least a dozen times has a promise been made to the Government that labour troubles should cease; and they have not ceased. If we are to have but a little more in the way of these industrial disputes and a little more trouble over enlistment, there will soon be ample excuse for the countrymen of these heroes wanting to become naturalised Frenchmen, or naturalised anything, so long as they can no longer be termed the compatriots of men who are seeking to place any and every obstacle in the way of their brethren's winning victory.

Lord Montagu

The world of sport and travel, to say nothing of engineering and science, has suffered a very distinct loss by the death of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, who, it must now be presumed, went down with the ill-fated Persia. At Eton and at Oxford he won marked prominence in athletics, engineering and science, and, it may be recalled, he stroked the winning College Eight in 1887. Lord Montagu had touched life at many points: he was politician, writer, musician, traveller and sportsman. As the Hon. J.W.E. Scott-Montagu he was extremely popular as a Member of Parliament until raised to the Peerage in 1905, and, as a member of one of the oldest and most respected country families in England, he was prominently identified with public life in his native county of Hampshire. Beaulieu Abbey, it may be noted, is one of the finest and most well-preserved country seats in the Kingdom, and is well-known to tourists in the South of England.

Travel and Sport.

In the course of his travels, Lord Montagu had visited practically all parts of the globe, including America, Japan, China, India and Egypt, and in 1896 he was the correspondent of the *Times* in Rhodesia, during the Matabele War. His favourite sport was motoring, in which he was admittedly a great expert. In this connection it may be mentioned that he was the founder and editor of the well-known motoring journal, the *Car*. He was also keenly interested in railway and all transport matters, and was a keen follower of all country pursuits. In short, he was a thoroughly representative country gentleman of the highest and best type—one who devoted his means and leisure to large and useful issues, but, in it all, never forgot the responsibilities and obligations which fell upon him as a member of a prominent titled and land-owning family.

Among the Saved.

Captain the Hon. Clive Bigham, who was also a passenger on the Persia, and is among those saved, has had a most interesting career. He is somewhat of an authority on Far Eastern affairs, too. He was formerly Attache at St. Petersburg and at Peking, while in 1900 he was A.D.C. and Intelligence Officer to Admiral Sir E.H. Seymour in the 1st Peking Expedition. Like the late Lord Montagu, he has dabbled in literature and journalism. His books include "A Ride Through Western Asia" and "A Year in China." It is interesting in the present juncture of world affairs, to recall that in 1897 he was special correspondent for the *Times* with the Ottoman Army in the Greco-Turkish War. Those who are always looking for peculiar coincidences will no doubt have noticed that the subject of this note is the eldest son of Lord Mersey, who presided over the inquiry into the torpedoing of the Lusitania. Father and son have thus been brought into contact with the submarine outrages which the war has produced though the one has only been called upon to view the matter in the abstract while the other has had a grim and bitter taste of the actual thing.

LAWN TENNIS.

Wigwam Club's Tournament.

In connection with the Wigwam Lawn Tennis Club's tournament, several of the competitions are now drawing to a close.

In the Mixed Doubles Championship, Mrs. Lambert and Mr. Sewell are in the final.

In the Ladies' Singles Championship, Mrs. Lambert has reached the final.

In the Ladies' Singles Handicap, Miss M. Neave has won a place in the final round.

During the week-end two ties were played off in the Gents' Singles Handicap. Mr. Bjerre (plus 15) beat Mr. Dyer (minus 3/6), in the second round, while Mr. A.G. Macdonald (scr.) beat Mr. C. Humphreys (minus 30) in the semi-final round.

DAY BY DAY

WE LIVE IN DEEDS, NOT YEARS; IN THOUGHTS, NOT BREATHS; IN FEELINGS, NOT IN FIGURES ON THE DIAL.—P.J. Bailey.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 59; fine.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 67; fine.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail. — Due to-day per s.s. Chenan 3 p.m.

Canadian Mail. — Closed to-day per s.s. Manila Maru.

Siberian Mail. — Closed to-day per s.s. Yingchow.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11 1/4.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 15th anniversary of the killing of 200 Boxers by the Germans at Chi-li.

His Fifteenth Appearance.

A Chinese, who was charged before Mr. Wood this morning with stealing two blankets had no less than 14 previous convictions, all for larceny, excepting two, these being for offences as a rogue and vagabond, and one for housebreaking. Prisoner was sentenced to six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks.

Another Remand.

The European, Samuel Newhouse, who stands charged with importing into the Colony 239 lbs. of raw opium, which was seized by the police on board the Suwa Maru, was again brought up before Mr. Hazeland this morning, when, on the application of Mr. Mason, a formal remand for two days was granted.

Australia's Way.

Mr. J. B. Suttor, commercial commissioner in the East for New South Wales, states that in Australia the regulations in regard to prisoners of war are very severe and that only recently a German prisoner was shot for disobeying orders.

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of January 4, 1915.

Turks Suffer Enormous Losses.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says it is officially announced that the battle round Sarykamysh continues to be waged with the greatest desperation. The Turks have suffered enormous losses.

Foreign Office Wires.

The British flag has been hoisted by an Australian Force at Bougainville, an island in the Solomon Group and a Union Force re-occupied, unopposed, Walfisch Bay on Christmas Day. The Crown Prince of Serbia has issued an Army Order declaring the country free of invaders. Flight Commander Hewlett has been saved by a Dutch trawler in the North Sea.

Intercession Service.

There were crowded congregations of all denominations at the intercession services held to-day. The services were most impressive, especially at St. Paul's Cathedral and the Abbey, and concluded with the National Anthem. There were also special services at Westminster Cathedral.

Pope Appeals to Kaiser to Terminate a Disastrous Year by Charitable Act.

His Holiness the Pope has telegraphed to the Kaiser, appealing to his feelings of Christian charity to terminate a disastrous year and begin the new year with an act of imperial generosity by accepting the proposal for an exchange of prisoners, who are unfit for military service, between the belligerents. The Kaiser, replying, assured the Pope that the proposal finds him fully sympathetic. He says:—"The feelings of Christian charity which inspired this proposal correspond thoroughly with my own convictions and desires."

NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE ALLIES IN SALONICA.

The Submarine Warfare.

The *Daily Mail* has glimmerings of reason now and then, and its remarks on the sinking of the Persia do it credit. Since it is waste of time to denounce the pirates, the object of the nation, it says, should be to hit them hard and hurt them. Good; and the sooner the hard hitting begins, the better will all of us be pleased. The British navy and its allies contrived to put a very effectual stopper on submarine business in the Channel, the North Sea and the Atlantic, and we have no doubt that, before very long, similar means will be applied to the Mediterranean. If the submarining of the Persia has half the effect on the people at Home which it ought to have, the duration of the war may be regarded as limited indeed. Meanwhile we notice that the anxiety at Washington was increased when it was known that the U.S. Consul at Aden was among the murdered, but that "the officials are gratified" at Vienna's having indicated that matters will be swiftly adjusted "if it is ascertained that an Austrian submarine sank the Persia." It will take a fair amount of "adjusting" to bring to life those who have been drowned. Inasmuch as this message is merely a piling of insult on insult we fail to see where ground for gratification comes in.

The Russians.

While minor fighting proceeds in the West, most of it very decidedly in the Allies' favour it would seem, in Russia some big things are happening. Reuter's "curtain-lifting," translated into common or garden English, certainly does not show, that the enemy is making any progress in this region. On the contrary, the Russians are said to be firmly established across the Styr, and a wire records another success for them at Czernowitz, where they have occupied various heights and have taken several prisoners. We notice that the enemy waxes less confident and boastful concerning his past, present and projected triumphs in this quarter; perhaps because his great offensive has become his great defensive, if not his great retirement—the offensive remaining somewhat conspicuously with the Russians.

At Salonica.

The fairly obvious comment on the situation at Salonica, and in Greek territory generally, for that matter, is that King Constantine has no one but himself to thank for his troubles. Clear, straight play from the beginning would have avoided more than half the difficulties that have arisen in his path. Had he done his duty by Serbia and the Allies, they and the enemy would have had some idea as to where respectively, they stood; as it is, chaos is the only term that one can apply to the position. The enemy and the neutral nations will not be slow to accuse the British and French of having taken a leaf out of Germany's book by their occupation of Salonica and the district, never allowing for the fact that Greece herself obliged the Allies to adopt the steps which have seemed to render them liable to unpleasant charges. Things have come to such a pass now that we should be fools not to take every advantage that has the least shadow of legitimacy hanging to it. When a rough attacks you in the street with a brick, common sense directs you to lay that individual out by the quickest and handiest means. The Allies strained every effort to give Germany a fair field and a good game, and she did nothing but abuse their consideration. She forced us into reprisals over the poison gas business, and if, now, there is any purpose to be served by regarding Greek territory as though it were our own, why should we not follow that course?

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HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending December 31, 1890.)

The Dollar.

December 31.—"The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 3/4½."

Our Rialto.

December 24.—"The monthly settlement, although an exceptionally large one, has, we are glad to learn, passed off most satisfactorily, and business on the *Rialto* is now healthier and of a more solid nature than it has been for a long time past. The lesson taught the local would-be Jay Goulds in the golden era of '89 when fortunes were made and lost in a day on paper—has evidently been laid to heart.—*Expertus metuit.*"

The Mamea Pirates.

December 24.—"A week ago, some cattle-dealers who make Hongkong their head-quarters, were passing through the town of Sam Chun after scouring the country in the neighbourhood of Deep Bay in quest of cattle for the Hongkong market. They there dropped across a number of men who were dressed in the height of fashion and living on the fat of the land, whom they had previously known in this Colony under very different circumstances. The change in the fortunes naturally aroused the curiosity of the drovers, and in reply to inquiries they were informed that it was due to the fact that they (the supposed pirates) had made a big haul by their wits, and would be glad if their friends would come and join them in a "jamboree," then in course of preparation. The drovers willingly assented, and speak in high terms of praise of the lavish hospitality shewn them by their generous entertainers who paid cash down for everything. After the night's revel the cattle dealers took their leave and came on to Hongkong where, of course, they heard all about the Namea piracy case, and putting two and two together came to the conclusion that the men whom they had met at Sam Chun were a part of the gang, and without loss of time reported the matter to the police. Detectives have been despatched to Sam Chun with written instructions from Canton to the Authorities at that place to the effect that they are to aid the police in every way in their endeavours to capture the suspected men. So far, no information has been received here by the Authorities as to the success, or otherwise, of the force sent to Sam Chun."

Fakí Challenge Cup.

December 27.—"The monthly competition for the Fakí Challenge Cup presented by Dr. Noble, was held this afternoon and was won, a second time, by P.C.A. Watson. Only seven members competed and the shooting was indifferent."

A Hongkong Racehorse Owner.

December 27.—"The unrivalled success which attended the brilliant racing career of Mr. C. P. Chater in Hongkong and Shanghai has, so far, not followed his efforts to achieve fame on English racecourses. Our popular local "sport," we believe, has been a liberal purchaser of promising blood stock, in some instances paying high prices for well bred yearlings; but no notable victory has yet rewarded his enterprise, although a sounder judge of racers and racing, or a more experienced trainer than James Waugh is not to be found at Newmarket or elsewhere. Better luck will no doubt come in time, but racing must be an unsatisfactory business to follow when the owner is ten thousand miles away from the scene of operation and unable to take any active part in either selecting his stud or controlling his horses in training."

December 29.—"Mr. F. Fleming's success as president of the Legislative Council during the past ten months resulted in the unofficial members of the Council entertaining him at dinner at the Hongkong Club on Saturday evening. Major-General Digby Barker, C.B., Sir James Russell and Mr. Thomas Jackson were amongst the guests on the occasion."

THE LATE MRS. MURRAY BAIN.

At the Colonial Cemetery yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Ellen Murray Bain, widow of the late Mr. George Murray Bain, took place.

The obsequies were conducted by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, and amongst the mourners were the following:—Messrs. H. Murray Bain (son), F.B.I. Bowley, David Wood, R.A. Hale, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, (Director of the P.W.D.), Captain Armstrong, Captain G. P. Lammert, Lieutenant Darby, Messrs. W. Nicholson, W. A. Donaldson, H. Seth, E. Seth, U. Galluzzi, H. Olsen and W.F.A. Knapton.

A number of beautiful floral tributes were laid on the grave, from the following:—Messrs. H. Percy Smith, J. H. Seth, Mr. Enos Seth and Miss Seth, Mr. U. C. Galluzzi, Mrs. E. M. Bolthos, staffs of the *China Mail*, and the staff of the *Wah Tze Yat Po* (*Chinese Mail*.)

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	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts to 31st Dec.
This Year:—	$11,063	$573,383
Last Year:—	10,261	578,389
Increase:—	802	
Decrease:—		5,006

Annual Meeting of the Masons.

December 30.—"The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China was held last night in the Masonic Hall. There was a large attendance of members of the District Grand Lodge and of the Craft generally. After the customary business had been completed the R.W. Grand Master addressed the Lodge and then invested the following office bearers for the ensuing year:—D.G.M.—R. Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater; D.D.G.M.—Wor. Bro. E.C. Ray; Senior Warden—D. Gillies; Junior Warden—G. C. Cox; Chaplain—G. H. Bonfield; Treasurer—J. McLeacy Brown; Registrar—A. D. Death; President of Head of General Purposes—F. W. Hemermann; Secretary—A. O'D. Gourdin; Senior Deacon Wm. Baker; Junior Deacon—G. C. Anderson; Superintendent of Works—A Shelton Hooper; Director of Ceremonies—C. S Powell; Assistant Director of Ceremonies—P. H. Browitz; Sword Bearer—J. Bryant; Standard Bearer—H. N. Mody; Standard Bearer—O. M. R. Moller; Organist—G. P. Lammert; Pursuivant—J. N. Segardal; Assistant Pursuivant—W. J. Hewitt; Steward—G. A. Cadwell; Steward—G. J. Watson; Steward—R. Markwick; Steward—H.B. Weeks; Steward—F. B. Marshall; Steward—F. Case. Unofficial members—Wor. Bro. G. P. Jordan, M. B., and Wor. Bro. F. A. Hazeland."

Dangers of Hongkong's Streets.

December 31.—"The dangers attendant on a stroll through the streets of Hongkong are many and various. Attempt to cross Queen's Road anywhere between the Club and the Hongkong Bank and if you are not run over by a broker who spreadingeagle fashion is chasing an imaginary client, you will certainly be impaled on the shafts of an outside chair. We, in common with those who seek for knowledge sometimes stroll into the Hongkong Hotel for the purpose of amusing one of the many beautiful tracts that a highly religious Directorate allow to be deposited in that popular resort, and have had to withstand the determined rush of at least a score of chairs and that same number of rickshas. One of the latter, however, charged the wrong man yesterday when he ran his barrow athwart the bows of Captain Ryder, knocked it, and badly damaged the same. The cooks was up before the Bank this morning, and was wisely fined three dollars or seven days' imprisonment. The fine was paid, for the accused [illegible]

TRADE IN 1915.

HONGKONG BUSINESS TENDENCIES FOR LAST YEAR.

A REVIEW OF THE CONDITIONS IN VARIOUS MARKETS.

Below we give a review of the business conditions which have prevailed during 1915 in the principal markets, in which the Colony is interested. We have withheld the reports until the present, in order to deal with a matter in comprehensive form rather than piece-meal.

Silk Report.

The season opened with bare stocks and at the outset new season silk was contracted for, at prices on a level with those paid for the old. Demand from the outset, especially from America, was well sustained, particularly in coarse sizes.

The first crop was speedily bought up and prices hardened rapidly. July saw the worst floods ever known in the history of the Canton Delta, business being brought to a complete standstill, and it was early August before trading was resumed on a very limited basis, the fourth crop being almost entirely destroyed, and the fifth seriously affected. During October and November, the effect of the boom in Japanese Silk re-acted on this market, and record prices were obtained. On the whole, in spite of the destruction caused by the flood, dealers must have made money. At the close, stocks are almost exhausted, and ever-increasing freights, coupled with the political unrest, have brought all business to a standstill again.

Piece Goods.

The past year has been one of war, rather than a year of "piece" goods, and importers have had to put up with many consequent delays in shipment. Difficulties about obtaining dye colours, difficulties in arranging assortments, and one hundred and one other little mishaps and inconveniences attributable to a state of war, including a shortage of labour at Home. For the piece goods business it has been quite a historical year, for in the period before the war, in which the Germans were always a wet blanket, there was in practise the credit system, but after the war it was agreed by the whole of the British business community interested in piece goods, to place the business on a cash basis, doing away once and for all with the obnoxious credit system, which has been the bane of the business for many years. Now that this has been accomplished, it is to be hoped that this will not be gone back upon, and if ever the Germans come back into the business in such a prominent manner as they were before the outbreak of hostilities, care should be taken that they do not re-commence this undesirable and happily suppressed system. In spite of the change, which took place practically on the day war broke out, the Chinese have risen to the occasion in a truly marvellous manner, and have accustomed themselves to the new conditions in a very short space of time. The very fact that this change was brought about in a time of war, augers well for the stability and general prospects of the business in the future. The great difficulty caused by the shortage of dyes, has resulted in big stocks being held up here, and not getting into consumption. Chinese dealers have withheld buying as much as possible in this line, but have bought well in fancies, especially in August and September, and they should do well out of those purchases, seeing that since then prices have advanced enormously.

In Woollens the trade has been far from large, very little new business being done. The present prices quoted from Home are really prohibitive to the Chinese pocket. But there has been one good effect from this rise in prices, and that is, that many of the old stocks which were lying in the Godowns as a residue of the 1911 European clothing boom, have been snapped up and gone into consumption, and had it not been for the enhanced prices, they would have stayed there and been only fit for making paper.

With regard to the Liquidations, these are now nearly completed, and it is satisfactory to note that they have been so carefully conducted that no great inconvenience has been felt by piece goods dealers. No failures of any note have to be regretted. The actions of the Liquidators have been directed by the Government to a great extent, and there has been a good deal of talk about the delay in completing these liquidations. But it is felt on all sides (says a local firm) that there is little more to be accomplished in the matter of winding up the affairs of enemy firms, and that no great harm will be done if liquidators are given a little more of a free hand to wind up this matter once and for all. It is certain that no one wants to see the German back.

Sundries.

Dealing with Sundries, which is generally known as "the mock and truck" trade, it is regrettable that very little progress can be reported in the matter of supplying from British sources the various odds and ends which have come to be known as "German specialities." This is owing mainly to the fact that English makers have been busy in making munitions and supplying the Home market with its actual needs, and with the shortage of labour it had been impossible for them to imitate many of the German specialities which were previously imported. A lot in this direction has been accomplished by Japanese, whilst the Americans have also come in for a bigger share of the trade than they ever had before. The Japanese are peculiarly adapted to this trade for they have a lot of work which is done in giving out labour to private houses where the girls make toys, tin goods and small boxes and hose many other things that are associated with the trade.

The floods at Canton at one time seemed in danger of upsetting the trade in piece goods and sundries, as indeed every other branch of trade, but here again the Chinese have shown recuperative powers of remarkable extent.

Speaking generally, the market here has not been able to pay up the ever-increasing prices from Home, and the Chinese have waited and waited, entirely failing to realise that whether it is war or peace the level of prices will very likely remain on the higher scale for very many years to come.

Kerosine

Prices stated to rise at the beginning of the year, and have continued to do so, this being due to shortage of stocks; owing to dealers not buying in early part of the year, at the high prices then ruling. Prices at the present time are very high, owing to the great demand at Home for munitions and to the shortage of freight.

The dealers have made very handsome profits, this being due to the high offers received from Japan, where all available stocks have been shipped. They have not had such a prosperous time for many years.

As to the coming year, there seems no likelihood whatever of present high prices falling, on the contrary, as freight room is scarcer then ever, there is every chance of still higher prices, business at the moment in staple lines being practically at a standstill, owing to the impossibility of obtaining ready cargo room on the other side.

Flour.

During the past year there have been some very heavy losses in the flour market, and it is recognised that the Shanghai flour has been a detriment, and, in fact, has been largely responsible for the present state of affairs. As the figures for last year showed, there has been a great drop in American flour, and especially is this noticable when compared with the year 1913. The outlook, too, for the coming year is not exceptionally bright, as freight space will not be available to the amount required, and there is no doubt that during the forthcoming three or four months this congestion, which is seriously affecting the trade, will continue. There is only one saving point in the whole matter and that is it may have the tendency to make business more profitable on account of the small stocks.

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VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP.

Company Case before the Court.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, (Sir William Rees Davies,) an application was made to wind up the Kwong Wo Hing Firm.

Mr. F.C. Jenkin, (instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner) appeared in support of the application.

According to the petition, the nominal capital of the Company was $20,000, all of which had been paid up or credited. The object of the Company was to take over, as a going concern, a business then carried on at Victoria, and at Singapore, of general store-keepers, curio dealers, furnishing and ware-house men.

Mr. Jenkin now asked that the application should be granted, subject to the supervision of the Court. He also asked that Mr. C. C. Dunman be appointed Liquidator in the place of Mr. Lo Chui-pang.

His Lordship said he would make the order subject to the Registrar being satisfied.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 11th of January will be subject to rent.

NOTICE.

Permission has been granted to the Shropshire Light Infantry to use the Wong-nei-chong Recreation Grounds for training purposes on Thursday the 6th January, 1916, between the hours of 6.15 and 9 p.m.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th of January at 10 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 18th of January, 1916, or they will not be recognized.

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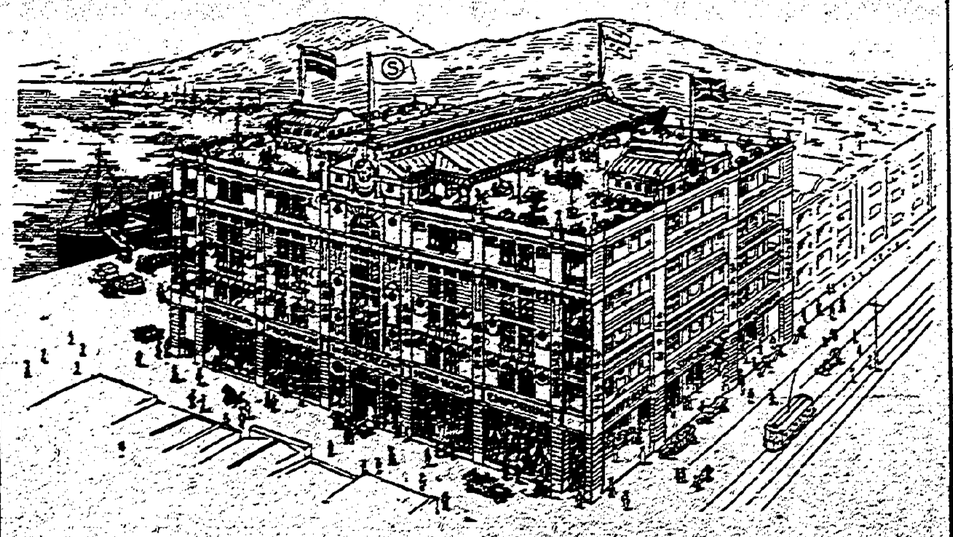

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	§Awa Maru Capt. T. Hori	T. 12,500	TUES., 25th Jan., at noon.
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	§Hitachi Maru Capt. Tominaga	T. 13,500	TUES., 15th Feb., at 11 a.m.
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Nippon Maru†	11,000 - 15 knots	29th February.
Dairen Maru*	8,000 - 14 knots	3rd March.
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LOG BOOK.

Japan Freight Market.

The coal rates steamer freights continue still abnormally high, the Moji-Yokohama contracts having nightly been at ¥2.85 per ton. With the re-opening of beans, sugar, and cotton trades the rates are expected be firmly sustained at least for the time being.

Deals in Old Ships.

Deals in old boats are actively negotiated for at present with the growing scarcity in tonnage. In a single week seven large boats have changed hands at good figures and tramp owners are busy delivering them at Kobe. The highest figure marked during the week just ended is ¥.725,000 paid for a boat of 5,200 tons.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

Dispute Concerning the s.s. Radnorshire.

A singular dispute arose recently at Hull in connection with the working of the steamship Radnorshire, belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co. In this case there is no dispute with the Dockers' Union, but the owners of the Radnorshire, Messrs. McGregor, Gow, Norris, and Joyner, Ltd., claim to be allowed to be employ dockers for the discharge of the ship direct instead of through master stevedores. The vessel, which has a cargo of 7,000 tons of Soya beans, has been held up for a week.

For Propulsion of Submarines.

The new nickel battery invented by Mr. Thomas A. Edison for the propulsion of submarines underwent its official test in the Brooklyn navy yard, and was pronounced a success. The trial was made aboard the submarine K6. It is believed that the new battery will eliminate the danger from the generation of chlorine gas, which has been so great a menace in submarines up to the present time. The Edison submarine type of storage battery has been developed in the last five years, and it is claimed by its inventor that it is the lightest per unit capacity, has the greatest capacity per unit volume, is the cheapest to operate and the longest lived.

Dredging Zamboanga Harbour.

Early in July 1, says the *Cebu Chronicle*, an attempt was made to dredge Zamboanga Harbour at the end of the present wooden pier to a depth of 25 feet at mean low tide, with the idea of allowing the Japanese liners touching at Zamboanga to come alongside the pier. The orange peel dredge owned by the province was found to be in such an unserviceable condition that it could not be used economically or with safety on this work. The material to be removed was composed entirely of sand and dead coral, having a decided slope to deep water. As the current through the Basilan Straits is very strong just beyond the pierhead, scheme was devised for washing or sluicing out the sand and finger coral by means of the municipal fire engine, a 40 horsepower 4 cylinder gasoline engine manufactured by the Waterous Engine Works Company, of St. Paul, Minnesota. A diver with diving suit was used to handle a 1 inch fire nozzle on the harbour bottom. Difficulty was experienced at first from the fact that the diver could not handle the nozzle when under full engine pressure. This was overcome by attaching the hose to an anchor a short distance from the nozzle and mooring the anchor from time to time as the work was carried from the pierhead to deep water. Sand on coral to a depth of from 5 to 8 feet was removed by this method from the entire area in front of the pier and sluiced out into deep water by the current carrying the light material for a considerable distance where once started. The work was completed in four working days the diver operating six hours per day under water.

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The Motor Lightship.

The motor lightship is now becoming very common in certain parts of the world, and one or two have recently been completed. One of the latest motor lightships to be placed is a vessel building in the United States at the moment. She has a length of 92ft. and a beam of 25ft. and an oil engine of about 200 b.h.p. is to be installed.

Rough Weather off Sumatra.

The East Coast of Sumatra is undergoing a severe spell of weather, says the *Straits Times* of December 24. According to a telegram received by the Eastern Shipping Company their steamer Alma which should have left Belawan on Tuesday and arrived at Penang the next day had been delayed there as she had been unable to discharge her cargo from Penang owing to the severity of weather in Belawan harbour. A Koninklijke Paketvaart steamer which should have also arrived at Penang from the East Coast on Wednesday had not turned up when the mail left the Northern Settlement.

Eyesight Tests.

During the year 1914 there were 8,276 examinations in form vision by the British Board of Trade, and of the candidates 200 (or 2.4 per cent.) failed to pass the test. Out of 4,166 candidates examined in colour vision 169 failed in the local examinations, 64 were referred for special examination. Of the former 39 appealed for special examination, three of whom passed and 36 failed, while of those referred for special examination 22 passed, 33 failed (one in form vision), and nine were not specially examined before the end of the year. In addition there were, on December 31, 1913, 36 cases still outstanding of candidates who had been referred for special examination. Five of these candidates were specially examined during 1914 and four passed, while one failed in form vision. Since November 1, 1900, fishermen, when presenting themselves for examination for certificates of competency as skipper or second hand, have been required to pass the same sight tests as candidates for certificates of competency as master or mate in the mercantile marine.

Russian Volunteer Fleet.

The Russian Volunteer Fleet announces that the weekly freight service of the fleet of steamers controlled by the company is about to be resumed from New York to Archangel. The present plans of the management also call for the operation in the near future of a number of passenger and freight steamers between the Russian ports and New York. Arrangements for this service, however, have not yet been completed. The season of navigation in and around the White Sea port will soon come to a close. The Canadian ice-breakers last season succeeded in extending the period of navigation for about forty days beyond the usual duration. It is believed that with more complete preparations this season the channel can be kept open for steamers for at least two months beyond the ordinary period. It is regarded as more likely, however, that the Russian Volunteer Fleet will devote its main services for transportation of freight to and from New York and Vladivostok. The freight steamers are expected to carry large quantities of railroad supplies and construction materials which have been ordered from American factories within the past six months.

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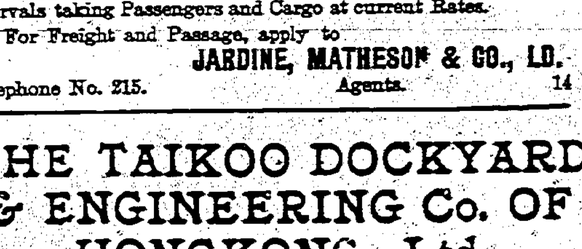

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T. & Co.	Tongking		Jan. 4	Singapore
B. & S.	Helenus	7,555	Jan. 5	Singapore
N. Y. K.	Ceylon Maru	12,500	Jan. 6	Yokohama
B. & S.	Knight Companion	7,433	Jan. 7	London
J.C.J. L.	Arakan		Jan. 7	Java
G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	9,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
P. & O.	Mongara		Jan. 9	London
J.C.J. L.	Karimoen		Mar. 9	Java
N. Y. K.	Mishima Maru	16,000	Jan. 12	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Kirin Maru	8,000	Jan. 12	Bombay
N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru	13,500	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Jan. 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,600	Jan. 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tosa Maru	12,000	Jan. 13	Singapore
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	London
N. Y. K.	Bombay Maru	8,000	Jan. 15	Yokohama
B. & S.	Changsha	2,269	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	12,500	Jan. 16	America
N. Y. K.	Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	Jan. 24	America
N. Y. K.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 28	Yokohama
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	London
N. Y. K.	Kamakura Maru	12,500	Jan. 29	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenham	3,808	Jan. 30	Australia
N. Y. K.	Colombo Maru	8,000	Jan. 30	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
J.C.J. L.	Tjisondari		Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,00	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
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P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
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T. Y. K.	Anyo Maru		Mar. 1	San Francisco
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The Australian Oriental Line s.s. CHANGSHA left Sydney for Hongkong via usual Australian and Philippine ports on the 24th inst., and may be expected to arrive on or about 18th January.

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Kaga Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,633, R. Tada, 24th Dec.—Moji, Gen.—N.Y.K.

Bombay Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,196, T. Tanaka, 26th Dec.—Singapore, 22th Dec., Coal—M.B.G.K.

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Manila Maru, Jap. s.s. 6,031, Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Shanghai, 25th Dec. Gen.—O.S.K.

Moresby, Br. s.s. 1,332, Thomson, 28th Dec.—Saigon, 18th Dec. Rice—Chinese.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1916.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Malcontents said to be gathering on North, East and West Rivers.

Rumours, and yet more rumours, continue to come through to us from Canton and district, some manifestly absurd, others doubtful, and others yet which, on sifting, would seem to yield a handful of truth. In Canton itself quiet is still maintained, though the feeling among the Hongkong Chinese is that trouble may break out there at any moment. Chinese officials have been forbidden to leave the city under any pretext whatever. Lawyers are now forbidden to practise there.

The would-be revolutionary party is said to be gathering in not inconsiderable force on the West River at Shiu Hing and Lok Cheun, on the North River at Cheung Fa, Cheung Yuen and Fa Yuen, and on the East River at Wei Chow and Shek Lung. There is a fairly wide-spread belief that activites in these quarters will be taken as the "signal to commence" by the disaffected party within Canton itself.

It is reported on moderately good authority that the malcontents have captured the father, son and daughter-in-law of General Lung Chai-kwong, and that these are being held to ransom. The ransom demanded, it is said, is a million dollars—the same to be devoted to an anti-monarchy war fund.

Many of the Hongkong Chinese are still of opinion that the feelings of hostility so marked in Kwangtung Province are not against Yuan Shih-k'ai, or necessarily against the restoration of the monarchy, but against Lung Chai-kwong personally.

No news has been received from Yunnan during the last day or two; it is understood that telegraphic communication is cut off, except in the case of consular wires.

Rumours are still being circulated to the effect that Kweichow, Kwangsi and Szechuen Provinces have proclaimed their independence.

THE REVOLT IN YUNNAN.

Peking, December, 25.—In anticipation of mutiny in Yunnan, Peking, (writes a *N.C. Daily News* correspondent) several days ago, ordered the despatch of three divisions from Szechuan and Hupeh to the disaffected area. The Government is confident of being able to confine the disturbance, if any, to Yunnan.

It is recognised here that General Tsai Ao will be able, if any man can, to cause the soldiers to mutiny, as he became extremely popular while Tutuh during the Revolution. He was recently joined by several prominent revolutionaries who got through Indo-China on passports unsuspected by the French authorities.

The aim of the revolutionaries is the original one of Sun Yat-sen and Huang Hsing, namely to declare the independence of Yunnan, the remotest province of China, to consolidate the Government there and in course of time to embrace the adjoining provinces in an independent state.

Unless the revolutionaries are able to secure a replenishment of arms and ammunition some where in Asia, the Government should be able to overthrow them easily in course of time, should a rising take place.

Peking, Dec. 26.

The Government has received telegrams from all the provinces, except Yunnan stating that full precautions have been taken against disturbances.

Peking, Dec. 27.

Telegrams reached Peking to-day announcing that the Yunnan rebels yesterday declared their independence, and issued a proclamation stating that the revolt is due to Yuan Shih-kai's breach of faith with the Republic and his acceptance of the Throne.

It was at a meeting in Yunnan, on the 23rd that the revolutionary military officers decided to telegraph an ultimatum to Yuan Shih-kai demanding a reply by ten o'clock on Christmas Day, with guarantees that the monarchical movement had been stopped. The despatch was a lengthy one in the course of which the heads of several officials were demanded. Yuan Shih-kai did not reply to the telegram, and as a consequence, the military governor of Yunnan signed a proclamation yesterday announcing the severance of relations with Peking.

Active military preparations are now afoot to suppress the revolutionaries. As the latter receive no sympathy from the British or French, the position is likely to become increasingly difficult with the efflurion of time, if the other provinces remain loyal.

Goods traffic on the Peking-Hankow Railway is practically at a standstill owing to the transportation of numerous reinforcements of Northern troops to the south.

Peking, Dec. 27.

On the 25th the Secretary of State wired to the Military Governor of Yunnan, acknowledging the receipt of a telegram dated December 23, which demanded the stoppage of the monarchical movement, and repeating the several telegrams which had been previously received from him, urging a restoration of the Monarchy and begging Yuan Shih-k'ai to ascend the Throne.

These telegrams, which were quoted in full, show that the officials of Yunnan were among the strongest advocates of a Monarchy and the Secretary of State suggests that the volte face was so extraordinary that he was unable to believe that the military Governor signed the telegram calling for suppression of the monarchist movement.

On the 26th, the Secretary of State and the Army Headquarters despatched a joint telegram to the Military and Civil Governors of Yunnan and all other provinces pointing out that the telegram of the 23rd had not yet been classed as a forgery or otherwise, but in view of "the scurrilous and misleading statements" which it contained it ought to be contradicted. The joint authors went on to explain that the advice which had been received from foreign countries was no infringement of the sovereign right of China as alleged; that the change in the form of government had been unanimously decided on by the people themselves who had been given an opportunity in a legal manner to express their opinion; that the State Council had urged that the Presidential oath was not binding if the people desired a change in the form of government; that Yunnan province had been one of the most emphatic in urging the change; that the Military and Civil Governors of Yunnan had twice personally memorialized Yuan Shih-k'ai begging the President to become Emperor; that General Tsai Ao personally invited the military officers in Peking to a dinner party on August 25 to propose the restoration of the Monarchy and was the first to sign a memorial with that object.

The telegram concludes by urging upon Governors the necessity of co-operation in establishing internal peace, emphasising that individual opinions should not outweigh the desire of the majority and that the advice of foreign countries would only become a disgrace to China if individual acts made it so. The telegram alluded to the extraordinary fact that the Yunnan Governor had only a few days previously not only advised a restoration of the Monarchy but declared that the whole army of Yunnan was of a similar opinion and that though rebels were known to be in the province they were unable to influence the forces against the decision in favour of a Monarchy.

The final sentence in this joint telegram advised the Governors to notify the "man who sent the telegram that he may do as he pleases," suggesting, of course that the wire sent in the name of the Governors was a forgery.

BUSINESS EXTENSION.

Pending Opening of Sincere's New Store.

On the 12th inst. the Sincere Company intend going into occupation of their mammoth new premises, which, without doubt, constitute the biggest and most modern department-store establishment in the Far East. The premises, which have been designed much on the lines of a Harrod's store, present a most striking appearance, whether viewed from the harbour or from Des Voeux Road; the building is certainly a splendid addition to the architecture of the Colony (as will be seen from the illustration in an advertisement elsewhere). Every possible convenience has been provided for the comfort of shoppers, including electric elevators to the various floors, as well as a roof garden where tea can be obtained, and in this fine modern building shopping will be a pleasure rather than a bore.

The transfer of the Company's huge stock from the old premises to the new will be a tremendous undertaking and will take many days, but the management hope to effect it on systematic lines and in such a way that there will be absolutely no dislocation of business. The one-price policy will be followed by the Company as heretofore, and shoppers may count on being able to obtain all their requirements at the lowest possible rates consistent with quality.

ALLEGED THEFT OF RING.

Pursuer Stabbed With a Knife.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, charged with the theft of a finger ring, valued $20.

Inspector O'Sullivan said that two men were brought before the Court on the previous day and remanded. The facts of the case were that a show-case containing jewellery was outside a second-hand shop and one of the men broke open the case and snatched a quantity of the jewellery. He was chased by a foki, who caught him about ten yards away. The man then turned and stabbed the foki with a large knife. A second man who was arrested also had a knife. The present defendant tried to pawn the ring two days after.

Defendant said he picked the ring up near the spot where the affair took place. He did not know it had been stolen. His Worship said he was satisfied that the man did pick the ring up. Defendant would be bound over.

SHARE MARKET.

Quotations.

Up to the Minute:—

Langkats.—Tls. 35, buyers.
Shanghai Cottons, — Tls. 89, buyers.
Anglo-Javas,—Tls. 19, buyers.
Anglo-Dutch.—Tls. 17¼, buyers.
Consolidateds.—Tls. 6, buyers.

THE GERMAN IN CHINA

How He makes Provision for the Future.

We understand on good authority that the German Consul General for Canton has, for some time past, been making a trip through the North River district, accompanied by one or two prominent alien business men from Shameen. It is stated the object of these gentlemen's travels is to gain information on the condition and promise for the various Chinese mining operations in the vicinity, and where possible, to acquire an option on the mines.

The Consul and his friends are said to be well supplied with money, and it is understood that, in one case, a Chinese was paid the sum of $500 for signing a provisional agreement.

A REVENUE OFFICER'S DEATH.

Funeral at Happy Valley.

The funeral of the late Revenue Officer, James McMillan, whose tragic death we reported yesterday, took place at Happy Valley last evening in the presence of a large number of friends and colleagues. Deceased was accorded a military funeral, members of the Engineer Company of the Volunteers, to which the deceased belonged, attending.

On the arrival of the body at the Monument, the coffin was placed on a gun-carriage, this being drawn by members of the Engineer company. The band of the 18th Infantry played the Dead March in "Saul," and Chopin's Funeral March, as the cortege made its way to the Cemetery.

Among those attending were Captain Hutcheon (Superintendent of the Import and Export Department), Captain Stewart, Colonel Chapman, Lieut Stevenson, Inspector Wildin, Inspector Sim, and a large number of Revenue Officers and members of the Chinese Preventive Staff. The bearers were representative of the Engineers, the Import and Export Department, and the Police.

The service was taken by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, at the conclusion of which a firing party, under Sergt. Everest, fired the customary three volleys.

Among the beautiful wreaths sent were those representing deceased's wife, his sisters and brothers, the staff of the Imports and Exports Department, the staff of the Revenue Officers, Royal Naval Yard Police, the Chinese Revenue Officers, the Chinese Revenue Officers at Yaumati and Sham Shui Po, members of the Dockyard Recreation club, the Petty officers of H. M. S. Rosario, the Watch Keepers of the Empress of Russia, Mr. and Mrs. Wimble, Miss Wilden and Mrs. J. Wilden, Mr. A. Grant, Mr. T. Sutherland, Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. F. P. da Silva, Mr. J. J. McKenzie, Mr. R. O. Hutchison, Inspector and Mrs. Sim, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, R. S. M. Tatton and Mrs. Tatton (R. G. A.) Mr. G. Wate, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Clarke, Mr. Ku Tak, Mr. H. A. Taylor, (Assistant Superintendent Imports and Exports), Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Longley, Mr. D. Bern (Assistant Superintendent), Mr. Yip Kam-king, etc.

A STAMP DEALER'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

Some Candid Admissions in Court.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the adjourned hearing of the case of Luk Sing Sew, No. 5 Upper Lascar Road, against Mr G. H. Gardiner, solicitor, as trustee of an estate in sale was continued.

The plaintiff claims the return of a number of postage stamps handed to the defendant by Mr G. P. Lammert on October 2, 1913.

The stamps, it was alleged, were part of the goods contained in a locked cabinet and purchased by the plaintiff at a public auction held by Mr. G. P. Lammert on October 2, 1915. The plaintiff also claimed the costs of the Action.

Defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, and plaintiff by Mr. P. W. Goldring.

Plaintiff, in answer to His Lordship, said he was not a stamp collector, but he bought and sold stamps. When he purchased the cabinet at the sale he did not know he was buying the other things, and he did not want them. Cross-examined by Mr. Russ, defendant said that when he prised open the cabinet at the sale he did not find many stamps there.

How many?—I should say about a hundred.

What stamps did you notice?—There were several different nationalities.

What were they?—I could not say.

You did not even know what these stamps were?—No I knew that stamps were worth money, so I bought the lot.

You frequently attend these sales?—Yes.

Have you ever bought any stamps before in your life?—Yes, I have bought various sorts, but I do not know much about stamps. I have bought some at times from Marine hawkers and have then hung them in my window and if people would not give me the price I asked for them at first I have come down.

When Mr. Lammert was selling the stamps did he not say that the "lot" consisted of a cupboard, some boxes of paint and two instruments?—No; he did not.

Was anyone there when you opened the cabinet?—Yes, my foki.

Did you not tell a man named Mak Fok that as you had bought the cabinet you had bought the contents as well?—No, I did not.

Why did you prise the cabinet open?—Because it felt heavy and I wanted to see what was inside it.

When you prised open one side of the cabinet why did you not open the other side; then you could have seen what was in the cabinet altogether? I saw some stamps in it when I opened the one side and as I did not want other people to see what was in it, as they might bid against me, I shut it again quickly, and then, again, I thought the other side was locked.

Luk Hung, a foki of plaintiff's, said that when his master opened the cabinet, he saw some stamps. They inspected the cabinet and saw there were some stamps in the cabinet. That was before the sale began.

Shing Ming, who stated that he was office coolie for the late Mr. Soyer for over 10 years, said he had seen the cabinet before. It had been kept below a drawing table. When Mr. Soyer died he (witness) did not know what was in it. It had not been used for a long time. He did not think there was anything in it.

By Mr. Goldring:—Mr. Soyer had locked the box and he (witness) had never opened it. He would not dare do so after his master had locked it. Mr. Soyer had kept the key.

A foki employed by Mr. Lammert stated that he had been in the latter's employment for 22 years. He remembered that the cabinet had been sold on October 2. He locked at the cabinet but did not know whether there was anything in it. He remembered after the sale that there were some stamps in it. The man who bought it called someone to help him to open it and witness stood there. There were no stamps sticking out of the cabinet, but there were some in the drawers. Witness spoke to the plaintiff about the stamps and he replied that as he had bought the cabinet he had bought the contents also.

By Mr. Goldring:—The key was not handed to him with the "lot." He knew that the doors were locked, because he had tried to open them and he could not do so. The compradore did take the stamps away.

Mr. Russ said his contention was that the plaintiff could not see any stamps there, and that he did not know there were any; neither did they.

His Lordship:—Supposing it is so, what then?

Mr. Russ proceeded to quote the case of Pollock v. Wright, in which it was stated that if a desk or bureau was sold containing valuables, the presence of which was not known, this did not necessarily mean that the purchaser acquired the right of possession. If this plaintiff had not disclosed that the cabinet contained stamps, he would have been technically guilty of larceny.

His Lordship:—You would not get a conviction.

Mr. Goldring said he did not know why no-one had attempted to open the box before it was sold, as it could have been done just as easily then as plaintiff had done after the sale. He submitted that the plaintiff was perfectly justified in assuming that he had bought the cabinet and was entitled to the contents therein. The executor could not have taken much trouble when, in estimating the estate of the deceased, he did not open the cabinet to see what it contained, but sent it right up to the rubbish sale which this was.

His Lordship said he quite saw that the plaintiff, when he discovered the stamps, would think he was entitled to them. There was a difference in this case and the one which had been cited, inasmuch as in the other case there was a secret drawer and in this there was not. He did not think that either side knew the stamps were there. It was difficult for him to believe that the plaintiff thought he would find anything more there than a piece of string or a dead cockroach. He would like to know what the value of the stamps was.

Mr. Goldring:—About $250.

Mr. Russ:—There are varying opinions on that.

Judgment was entered for the defendant.

THE GLENGYLE.

Well-known on Far Eastern Run.

The s.s. Glengyle (which is reported to have been submarined) was a new boat, being built in the year 1914. Almost from her launching she had followed the Far Eastern route for her owners. Twice she had called at this port and discharged passengers and cargo, once in January last and once in October. Her registered net tonnage was 5,996, and she was under the command of Captain Webster. Although she was only a medium-sized boat, she was capable of a fairly good speed, and gave promise of becoming a popular ship for passenger service, especially for intermediate passengers.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Musketry.

The Route March ordered for Saturday, January 8th, is hereby cancelled. In place thereof, Nos. 2 and 3 Companies will proceed to Stonecutter's Range for Volley Firing. Only those who have passed Part 1 of the Musketry Course will attend, and no absence from this important parade will be permitted except on medical grounds. Men will take their own rifles and the whole of the ammunition issued to them, a portion of which will be used at this practice. Uniform, caps and covers. Leave Blake Pier as follows:—

No. 3 Company, 1.30 p.m. punctually.

No. 2 Company, 3 p.m. punctually.

All Inspectors on the Staff who are ex-members of the Regular Police will also attend the Range, Leaving Blake Pier at either of the above hours.

The men of No. 3 Company will attend at the Central on Thursday, Jan. 6th. Sec. orders below.

In Uniform, caps and covers, rifles and ammunition.

Wednesday, Jan. 5th.—No 2 Company, 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 6th.—No 3 Company, also No 4 Company, and Recruits of all Companies, 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 9th.—Musketry Course, Part II, for all N.C.O. Officer.

Canteen.

With reference to orders of Dec. 9th/8th, Canteen accounts will be sent to-day to Platoon Commanders. Same must be collected and paid to the orderly Room Sergeant on or before Jan. 15th. No payment is to be made either to the Canteen or at the Central Station.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut-Col. A. Chapman, V. D. state:—

Resignation.

No. 1856 Private A. Place is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 24. 12. 15.

King's Park Range.

This range is alloted to the Civil Service Company from 2 p.m. till dusk on the 3rd Sunday in January, February and March.

Parades.

Parades for Wednesday, 5th instant.

7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section Order dated 8. 12. 15 Semaphore practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of Engineer Co. Musketry and Rifle exercises at Tsikoo Dockyard under Sergt. Everest.

5.15 p.m. Civil Service Co. Drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Signalling Section Squad drill at Headquarters.

Remainder: Nil.

Detail.

Gun Club Hill, Kowloon:—

On duty until morning of 6th inst.—H. K. V. R.

P. of W. Camp, Kowloon:—

On duty until morning of 6th inst.—H. K. V. R.

United Services Hockey League.

The Corps has entered a team in this league and [illegible] connection therewith will be held at Headquarters at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 5th inst., when all members of the Corps [illegible] in hockey are particularly requested to attend.

NOTICES

G. [redacted] R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hour of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
Hongkong 9th July, 1915.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Scrip Certificate with respect to 10 Shares numbered 2789/2798 in the above Office standing in the name of **Ho E Oan** (deceased) of Canton has been lost and should the same not be produced before the 13th January 1916, a new Scrip Certificate will be issued in favour of the said **Ho E Oan** (deceased) and no transaction taking place under the Old Scrip Certificate will be recognised by the Office.
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Hongkong 29th December, 1915

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that there are two vacancies in the Canton Pilotage Service, which will be filled by competitive Examination in accordance with the General Regulations of the Chinese Pilotage Service.

The examination will be held at the Harbour Master's Office, Chinese Maritime Customs, on or about the 15th January 1916.

Apprentices who have duly served an apprenticeship of three months, and who are desirous of sitting for examination, should forward their names and addresses to the Harbour Master's Office not later than January 10th 1916. A definite date on which they may sit for examination will then be given them.

ARNOLD HOTSON
Acting Harbour Master.
Harbour Master's Office,
Chinese Maritime Customs,
Canton, 30th December 1915.
Approved:
H. F. MERRILL
Commissioner of Customs.

NOTICE

We have this day opened a branch establishment in CANTON. Our former agent Mr G.E. HUYGEN ceases to represent us.
W. A. HANNIBAL & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1916.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.

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"BATTLE FOR FREEDOM."
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"HOW WIFFLES CURED THE BLUES."
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"THE GRENADIERS OF 1915."
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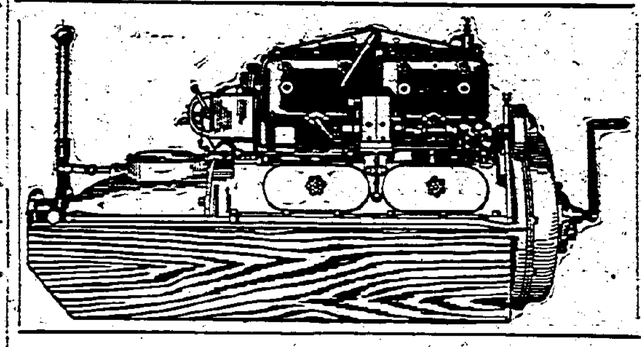

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The new firm name will be LITTLE, ADAMS and WOOD and the business of the firm will be carried on at their offices in Hongkong and Canton as heretofore.

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„ Corned,—Ham Ngau Yuk	„ 19	咸牛肉	
„ Roast,—Shin „	„ 19	烘牛腰	
„ Breast,—Ngau Lam „	„ 17	牛腩	
„ Soup,—Tong Yuk „	„ 15	肉湯	
„ Steak,—Ngau Yuk Pa	„ 20	扒肉牛	
„ do, —Sirloin—Ngau Lan	„ 30	牛柳	
„ Sausages,—Ngau Cheung	„ 24	腸牛	
Bullock's Brains— „ No	per set 10	腦牛	
„ Tongue, fresh,—Ngau Li	each 50	脷牛	
„ „ corned,—Ham Ngau Li	„ 60	脷牛鹹	
„ Head,—Ngau Tau	„ $1.00	頭牛	
„ Heart,—Ngau Sam	lb. 14	心牛	
„ Hump, Salt,—Ngau Kin	„ 20	肩牛	
„ Feet,—Ngau Keuk	each 11	蹄牛	
„ Kidneys,—Ngau Yiu	„ 11	腰牛	
„ Tail,—Ngau Mei	„ 18	尾牛	
„ Liver,—Ngau Kon	lb. 13	肝牛	
„ Tripe (undressed),—Ngau To	„ 6	肚牛	
Calves' Head & Feet,—Ngau tsai tau keuk	set $1.00	脚頭仔牛	
Mutton Chop,—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb. 25	骨排羊	
„ Leg,—Yeung Pei	„ 25	脾羊	
„ Shoulder,—Yeung Shau	„ 24	手羊	
„ Saddle	„ 27		
Pigs Chitlings,—Chu Chong	„ 27	腸豬	
„ Brains,—Chu No	per set 24	腦豬	
„ Feet,—Chu Keuk	lb. 13	蹄豬	
„ Fry,—Chu Chap	„ 15	雜豬	
„ Head,—Chu Tau	„ 16	頭豬	
„ Heart,—Chu Sam	each 11	心豬	
„ Kidneys,—Chu Yiu	„ 18	腰豬	
„ Liver,—Chu Kon	lb. 28	肝豬	
Pork, Chop,—Chu Pai Kwat	„ 24	骨排豬	
„ Corned,—Ham Chu Yuk	„ —	肉豬鹹	
„ Leg,—Chu Pei	„ 28	脾豬	
„ Fat or Lard,—Chu Yau	„ 29	油豬	
Sheeps' Head and Feet,—Yeung Tau Keuk	set 60	腳頭羊	
„ Heart,—Yeung Sam	each 8	心羊	
„ Kidneys,—Yeung Yiu	„ 12	腰羊	
„ Liver,—Yeung Kon	lb. 26	肝羊	
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tsai	„ 22	仔豬	
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngau Yau	„ 20	油牛生	
„ Mutton,—Shang Yeung Yau	„ 26	油羊生	
Veal,—Ngau Tsai Yuk	„ 19	肉仔牛	
„ Sausages,—Ngau Tsai Cheung	„ 28	腸仔牛	
Lard,—Chu Yau	„ 20	油豬	
POULTRY.			
	Cts.		
Chicken,—Kai Tsai	lb 35	雞	
Capons, Large, Small,—Sin Kai	„ 34		
Ducks,—Ap	„ 32	鴨	
Doves,—Pau Kau	„ 18	鴿	
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan (cooking)	per doz 20	雞蛋	
„ (fresh) — „	„ 36		
Fowls, Canton,—Kai	lb. 42	雞	
„ Hainan,—Hoi Nam Kai	„ 30	雞南河	
Geese,—Ngo	„ 24	鵝	
Pigeons, Canton,—Pak Kap	each 28	鴿白	
„ Hoihow,—Hoi How Pak Kap,	„ 25	鴿白口河	
Snipe—Sha Tsai	„ each 22	鷸沙	
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 60	公雞火	
„ Hen „ Na	„ 45	雞火	
Pheasant,—Shau Kai	„ 75	雞山	
Quail,—Om Chun	„ 25	鶉鵪	
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Carp,—Li Yu	„ 20		
Catfish,—Chik Yu	„ 12		
Codfish,—Mun Yu	„ 14		
Crabs,—Hai	„ 28		
Cuttle Fish,—Muk Yu	„ 16		
Dab,—Sha Mang Yu	„ 12		
Dace,—Wong Mei Lap	„ 13		
Dog Fish—Tit To Sha	„ 10		
Eels, Conger,—Hoi Man	„ 13		
„ Fresh water,—Tam Sui Yu	„ 18		
Eels, Yellow,—Wong Sin	„ 32		
Frogs,—Tin Kai	„ 33		
Garoupa,—Shek Pan	„ 40		
Gudgeon,—Pak Kap Yu	„ 16		
Herrings,—Tao Pak	„ 20		
Halibut,—Cheong Kwan Kap	„ 20		
Labrus,—Wong Fa Yu	„ 18		
Loach,—Wu Yu	„ 28		
Lobsters,—Lung Ha	„ 28		
Mackerel,—Chi Yu	„ 20		
Monk Fish,—Mong Yu	„ 32		
Mullet,—Chai Yu	„ 16		
Oysters,—Shang Ho	„ 22		
Parrot Fish,—Kai Kung Yu	„ 12		
Perch,—Tau Lo	„ 18		
Pike,—Fa Pau Tong	„ 16		
Plaice,—Pan Yu	„ 15		
Pomfret, Black,—Hak Chong	„ 26		
Pomfret, White,—Pak Chong	„ 28		
Prawns,—Ming Ha	„ 38		
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	„ 10		
Rock Fish,—Shak Ku Kung	„ 15		
Roach—Chun Yu	„ 12		
Salmon—Ma Yau	„ 30		
Shark—Sha Yu	„ 7		
Skate—Po Yu	„ 8		
Shrimps,—Ha	„ 25		
Snapper,—Lap Yu	„ 28		
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Almonds,—Bang Yan	lb. 35		
Apples (California)—Kam Shan Ping Kho	„ 18		
„ (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho	„ —		
Bananas, fragrant, Canton,—San Shing Heung Chiu	lb—	香蕉生菓	
„ (bunches), Macao,—San Heung Chiu	„ 5	蕉香山	
Chestnuts, Chinese,—Koong Lut	„ 1	栗露	
Carambola,—Yeung To	—	楊桃	
Cocoanuts,—Ye Tse	each 12	椰子	
Grapes—Po Tai Tsz	lb. 30	干葡萄	
Lemons, China,—Ling Mung	„ 8	檸檬	
„ America,—Kam Shan Ling Mung	„ 10	檸檬山金	
Lichees Dried,—Lai Chi, small Stone	lb 28	乾荔枝	
„ Fresh,	—	荔枝	
Oranges, (Canton)—Shan-shang Tim Ching	„ 5	廣東橙金	
„ Sweet	„ 8		
Pears, (American), Kum San Shoot Lay	„ —	梨雪山金	
„ (Canton), Cooktau, —She Li	„ 10	梨雪	
Peanuts,—Fa Shang	„ 10	生花	
Plantain,—Tai Chiu	„ —	蕉大	
Plums,—Swatow, Hung Lai	„ —	李紅	
Pumelo, Siam,—Chun Lo Yau	each 14	柚暹羅	
„ Shanghai,—Lo Kwat	„ —	柚廣	
Walnuts,—Hop To	lb 15	桃合	
„ Green,—Sang Hop Tso	„ —	桃合生	
Water Melon,—(Am.) Kum San Sai Kwa	each —	瓜西山金	
VEGETABLES, &c.		**菜雜**	
Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Ah Chi Cheuk	th 8	竹洋上海人	
Beans, (French), Macao,—Oh Moon Pin Tau	„ 8	豆扁門澳	
„ (French) Shanghai,—Sheung Hai Pin	—	豆扁海上	
„ Sprout,—Ah Choi	„ 8	菜芽	
„ Long,—Tau Kok	„ 10	角豆	
Beet Root,—Hung Choi Tau	each 6	頭菜紅	
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kwa	„ 8	瓜苦	
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yuan Kwa	„ 6	瓜圓青	
„ Red,—Hung Ke	„ 8	茄紅	
Cabbage, Chinese, (common)—Kai Tsoi	lb 18	菜芥	
Cabbage, Shanghai,—Ye Tsoi	„ 14	菜洋	
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kau Shun	„ 8	筍蔗	
Carrots,—Kam Shun	lb 6	筍金	
Celery, Chinese,—Tong Kan Tsoi	„ 8	菜芹唐	
Chillies Dried,—Kon Lap Chiu	„ 25	椒辣乾	
„ Red,—Hung Fa Chiu	„ 10	椒花紅	
„ Green,—Ching Lap Chiu	„ 8	椒辣青	
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Li Chu Liu	„ 10	料咖厘架	
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	each 2	瓜青	
Garlic,—Sun Tau	lb 8	頭蒜	
Ginger, young,—Sun Tse Keung	„ 6	薑子新	
„ old.—Lo Keung	„ 9	薑老	
Horse Radish, Shanghai,—Lik Kan	„ 12	力根	
Indian Corn,—Suk Mai	each—	米麥	
Lettuce—Yeung Shang Tsoi	„ 1	菜生洋	
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	lb. 6	蹄馬	
„ Mandarin,—Kwai Lam Ma Tai	„ 8	蹄林馬	
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Shung Cho Ko	„ 35	菇	
Musk Melon, Amer.—Kam-san Hong Kwa	each—	瓜香山金	
Okras	lb —		
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Chong Tau	„ 8	頭葱洋	
„ Green,—Shang Chong	„ 6	葱生	
„ Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Chong Tau	„ 7	葱海上	
Parsley,—Kun Tsoi	lb. 8	菜芹	
Green Peas,—Ching Tau	lb. —	豆青	
Potatoes, Sweet,—Fan Shu	„ 3	薯番	
„ Shanghai,—Sheung-hoi Shu Tsa	„ —	仔薯洋上	
„ Japan,—Yut Pun Shu Tsai	„ 3	仔薯本日	
„ American,—Fa Ki Shu Tsai	„ 8	仔薯旗花	
„ Foochow,—Foo-chow Shu Tsai	„ —	仔薯州福	
Pumpkin,—Tong Kwa	„ 3	瓜東	
Radish,—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	„ 5	仔蘿蔔紅	
Rhubarb (Fresh),—Tai Wong	„ —	黃大	
Sage,—Tse So	„ —	菜茶	
Shallots,—Kon Chung Tau	„ 8	頭葱乾	
Spinach,—Yin Tsoi	„ 5	菜莧	
Tomatoes,—Fan Ke	„ 6	茄番	
Taros,—Wu Tau	„ 6	頭芋	
Turnips Punti, (Long),—Lo Pak	„ 4	蔔蘿	
„ English,—Yeung Lo Pak	„ —	蔔蘿洋	
Vegetable Marrow,—Chit Kwa	„ 4	瓜節	
„ (American),—Kam-san Chit Kwa	„ —	瓜節山金	
Water Cress,—Sai Yeung Tsoi	„ 12	菜洋西	
„ Lily root,—Lin Ngau	„ 6	藕蓮	
Yams,—Ta Shu	„ 6	薯大	
English,—Yeung Kan Choi Tau	„ —	菜芹洋	

The above prices are in accordance with the Government list of maximum charges fixed by Proclamation as revised up to the 30th ult. The Proclamation also contained the following schedule of maximum retail prices:—

1. Flour:—
   (a.) Highest Grade, per bag of 50 lbs., ... $4.50
   per lb., ... .10
   (b.) Second Grade, per bag of 50 lbs., ... 4.00
   per lb., ... .08
   (c.) Third Grade, per bag of 50 lbs., ... 3.50
   per lb., ...0
2. Tinned Milk:—
   (a.) Sweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin, .35
   (b.) Unsweetened Condensed Milk, per 1 lb. tin, .25
   (c.) Sterilized Milk, per tin, (18 oz.), ... .25
   (d.) Sterilized Milk, per 1 litre tin, ... .35
   (e.) Eagle Brand, per 1 lb. tin, ... .33
   (f.) Skimmed Milk, per 1 lb. tin ... .20
3. Sugar:—
   Cube, (in 6 lb. tins), per tin, ... 1.15
   Refined Crystallized, per lb., ... .14
   Granulated, per lb., ... .14
   Soft, No. 1 quality, per lb., ... .13
   „ No. 2 „ „ „ .12
   Cooking Salt, 2 cents per lb.
4. Frozen Meat:—
   The Dairy Farm prices for frozen food and other stores published on 1st, September, 1914, with all changes in prices shown in red ink are the maximum retail prices for the articles enumerated in the price list of that date. [Approved copies signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Food Committee can be seen either at the Treasury or on the premises of the Dairy Farm Company in Wyndham Street.]
5. Market Produce.—(See above)
6. The prices of provisions imported from countries other than China (excepting those above enumerated) may not be raised more than 15 per cent above the retail prices prevailing in the Colony on the 25th July, 1914.

Note.—In consideration of the loss sustained by discount on ordinary coinage, payment for all articles of food not exceeding 4d. in value (excepting the articles enumerated in clause 5 of Proclamation No. 18 of the 30th October, 1914) and in the above Schedule shall, if made in ordinary coin be subject to an additional charge of 1½ per cent.

HOTEL LIST.

Hongkong Hotel.

Anderson Mr & Mrs	Hunt J St C
A	Innes Capt R
Anderson G E	Jacobsen A J
Atkinson L	Joseph E M
Bain H Murray	Keith Mr & Mrs F H
Barling J H	Kohler Mr & Mrs J F
Bean Mr & Mrs K W	Lauriston C
Bellios R E	Lloyd G T
Berwick Mr & Mrs C W	Longfield S
	Mackenzie K
Berkel W R	Mann Mrs R K
Bickerton H	Mann Master
Bing Mrs	Marriott Dr & Mrs O
Birbeck R J	Marshall Mrs J
Blanch N F	McCulloch Mrs
Ball C I J	McMurray D
Bellios Mrs E R	Mehta B K
Bonsdorff Mrs S C	Merecki J
Branch Capt B	Muchall P J
Bridges H	Ormiston J
Buchan R	Ormiston Jas
Byers Capt G	Parr Mr & Mrs E V D
Cameron W H M	Plummer J
Canova F di	Pitcher Mr & Mrs A J
Carey J J	Puckett Capt C W
Carey T C	Reay, Miss F
Carrington T W	Read Y
Champkin C	Ray, E H
Cheetham H	Rainey Miss A
Croucher N	Roberts W J
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Coney Mr & Mrs	Runyon Miss R
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Cornelissen Mrs	Sampman Mr and Mrs H A
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Dennis F	Sanger R
Dewar Capt J	Sawyer F H
Duffy Miss M E	Schroeder W E
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Evans W H	Sharpe J E
Earley W	Slade Miss M
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Grundy R A	Sorby V
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Hodge W J	Wood Mrs R F
Hodgins Mrs A E	Wood G G
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Anker J C	McLaren L
Arnott C B	Morrow James
Booth C H	Moyes W M
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Caldwell A B	Long Mrs A E
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Hamilball J	Rohn Mr & Mrs A
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	Wilson Mrs W

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Bergersen Miss C J	Mitchell Mrs R F
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Cheng Mr & Mrs T S	Murphy H
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Grande T	Reid J F
Gregory T M	Richardson G E
Grieve Mr & Mrs E	Robson Mrs
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Jackson Mr & Mrs Wm	Sleigh E M
	Speer C H
Joseph J	Square Miss
Kerr G W	Sylvester Mrs S
Kooking B H	Thornton H
Lambden D	Tourtellot Mrs E L
Lambden Miss	Tucker Capt
Lobo L	White Mr & Mrs J W

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Bunn Percy	North E A C
Cavero S M	Powell Capt & Mrs
Clarton A A	Ranger Mr & Mrs F E
Cooper W A J	
Dick H W	Robertson Mr & Mrs J
Egan Mrs F	Rolfe P H
Fielder B E	Sachse Mrs G
Filkins Miss D	Singer Mr & Mrs E T
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Logan W	
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s.s. "KIYO MARU"

The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bill of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered 31st December, 1915, at noon will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all goods remaining undelivered on 4th January 1916, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's godown, where they will be examined on 11th January, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after 12th January 1916.

K. DOI.
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1915.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"ATSUTA MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Goods not cleared by the 7th January, 1916, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1915.

LIST OF PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per N.Y.K. steamer Yasaka Maru. From **London** December 4 (transhipped to other steamers). To **Shanghai:** Miss N Durbec, Mrs F Wells-Henderson, Mr and Mrs Seth and infant, Mr R Macfarlane, Miss C Featherstone, Miss Taylor, Mr and Mrs. Alty and infant. To **Hongkong:** Mr L Leefe, Mrs V J Tartarin and 5 children, Miss V Tartarin, Miss H Tartarin, Mr., Mrs and Miss L Lacroix, Mrs Bishop.

Per P and O steamer Karmala. From **London** December 13.—To **Shanghai:** Miss G. Whittall, Mr and Mrs Radford.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Atsuta Maru. From **London** November 20.—To **Shanghai:** Mr S M Gubbay, Miss A Fairley, Mrs Liddell and To **Hongkong:** Mr G Worby, Mr and Mrs Findley Smith, Mr H E Spencer-Payne, Mr Jas Spiers Mr O Hughes, Mr H Subier.

Per P, and O. steamer Moldavia. From **London** November 27.—To **Shanghai:** Mr and Mr Spreckley, Miss Clark, Miss Curtis, Mr and Mrs Berry Miss Martin, Mr N C Wilson, Mr and Mrs N G Beal, Mrs Devonish-Meares. To **Hongkong:** Rev. S. N. Norton, Mr and Mrs C F Aires and 4 children. Mr W Barbour, Mrs Lachlan, child and amah.

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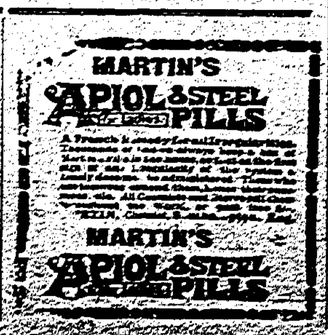

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" Marine Department 337,239
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COMMERCIAL.

Tronoh-South Dividend.

A dividend of sixpence per share free of tax, has been declared by Tronoh-South, payable in London on January 10th.

London Rubber Special.

London, December 23.—Malay Planters pay a dividend of 10 per cent., Trolak 20, and Permas an interim of 5 per cent. Both the produce and share markets close firm.—*Straits Times.*

Export of Japanese Raw Sugar to Australia.

The first export consignment of raw sugar manufactured by the Oriental Sugar Refinery Company, Japan, amounting to 10,000 tons is to be shipped to Australia through the hands of Messrs. Suzuki and Co. Some years ago, says the *Manchuria Daily News*, a small sample shipment of Japanese raw sugar was sent to Canada, and the above is the second consignment for export abroad. This shipment is to be used at the destination as material for manufacture of refined sugar. When the outputs of sugar were found short in Australia a supply used to be derived from Java. It appears that in the present case the Japanese dealers were first consulted, but that the prices quoted did not exactly suit the intending buyers. This shipment has had the effect of pressing up the market at home to over Y16.

Kirin-Changchun Railway.

The proposal to place the Kirin-Changchun railway under Japanese control has been a subject of communication between the Japanese and the Chinese Governments for some time past. A recent report stated that the matter was settled by the South Manchuria Railway Co., undertaking to repay to the Chinese Government all the expenses hitherto incurred for the management of the Kirin-Changchun railway, and to take over its interests. According to information from a reliable source, quoted by the *Asahi*, however, the matter is still under negotiation, which is progressing favourably. For whom? Years ago, the South Manchuria Railway Co. approached the authorities of the Kirin-Changchun Railway to establish through traffic. The Chinese were not inclined to entertain the proposition. It was thought the Kirin-Changchun Railway, extending only 89 miles, would be made a cat's-paw to the trunk road. But when through traffic is established, many things must be improved including the Kirin-Changchun coupling apparatus which is different in style and in a position that makes coupling with the rolling stock of the S.M.R. Co. impossible. Most of the passenger cars are too old for service. At present, the line has 13 engines and 262 passenger and freight cars. The staff of the company consists of 5 Japanese and rone 180 Chinese, and salaries are said to be higher than those paid by the Peking-Mukden railway. The railway revenue shews a monthly surplus of about $17,000 and in the future when places along the line develop, the profit should greatly increase in proportion. The company's receipt for the first five months this year were in yen: January, Y.67,865; February, Y.60,125; March, Y.79,625; April, Y.28,795; May, Y. 54,080. In April the income was decreased owing to floods. The railway is completed all but the tunnel at Tumen Mountain. The road is substantially built and the top of the embankment is 18 feet wide at the narrowest point, whilst the width of a cutting is fifty feet. Bridges are much more strongly built so that they can fully stand the weight of a train. Sixty-pound rails are used, on which an engine weighing about 80 tons speeds at the rate of 28 miles per hour, on an average. They must be changed for heavier rails if traffic increases. Still, proved sanguine as they may be, they do not carry out the plans more than 60 per cent. Their steadily increasing [illegible]

COMMERCIAL.

Malayan Tin Dredging.

The report of the Malayan Tin Dredging Company states that the total quantity of tin ore produced was 8,460 piculs (equal to 503¼ tons), which realised £44,982, or an average price of £89 6s. 9d. per ton against £101 13s. 7d. per ton for the previous year. The profit on the year's operations, after providing for depreciation of machinery, plant, and buildings, amounts to £12,001, which, added to £6,521 brought forward, makes a total of £18,523. Since the close of the financial year a dividend of 1s. per share has been declared, absorbing £6,050. Out of the balance remaining the directors have written off the freights on dredges amounting to £5,593, leaving £6,520 to be carried forward.

Exports from Dairen.

With regard to the reported representation of the British Government to Japan as to the prohibition of the export of beans and bean oil from Dairen to neutral countries, says the *Japan Chronicle* of December, 1 the *Asahi's* Dairen correspondent states that the proposition has a vital bearing on the trade prosperity of Dairen and consequently needs the most careful attention. Since the prohibition of the export of beans from Vladivostok several Russian merchants at the port, such as Wassard and Co., have been exporting beans from Dairen for Denmark. The principal reason that induced Russia to close Vladivostok for the export of beans is more for the purpose of preventing the depletion of her own supply than stopping supplies from reaching the enemy, and therefore the correspondent thinks it must be described as too nervous a proceeding for Japan to follow the example of Russia at the instance of Great Britain. A wholesale prohibition of exports to neutral ports for fear that they may find their way into the enemy's country would, says the *Asahi* be a too sweeping measure. If the British Government wishes to prohibit the export of beans from Dairen, it would also be necessary for it to take similar steps in respect of other Chinese ports, as otherwise the object of the prohibition can hardly be attained. Herein may lie the necessity of inducing China to join the ranks of the Allies. Writing on the 7th the same paper reports that the *Jiji* states that with regard to the representation of the British Government to Japan about the prohibition of the export of beans and bean cake to neutral countries in Europe having enemy countries for their ultimate destination, the Government-General of Kwantung has referred the matter to the consideration of the Dairen Chamber of Commerce. The latter, as a result of several meetings, came to the conclusion that inasmuch as the goods are exported from Dairen after having obtained certificates of the Japanese authorities and the British Consul as to their destination, and for the passage of the English Channel, they can hardly be regarded as destined for the consumption of alien enemies. Moreover, the prohibition of the export of these goods from Dairen would have the inevitable effect of encouraging trade in similar lines of goods from Shantung and South China ports. For these reasons the Dairen Chamber of Commerce has forwarded an application to the Foreign Office and the Government General of Kwantung, asking them to reply in this sense to the representation of the British Government.

Inciting Natives to Revolt.

Lisbon, November 24.—News has been received from Lourenco Marques that five natives, including a Mohammedan professor, have been arrested by the Portuguese authorities in Nyassaland and sent to Port Amelia. They are accused of conspiring with the Germans to dynamite Fort Mtangula. A box full of dynamite, and also containing letters written in Sesahili inciting the natives to revolt, has been found, and also a Turkish flag, the whole of which has been confiscated.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS. Sa.—SALES. B.—BUYERS. N.—NOMINAL.

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914. Highest		1914. Lowest		1915. Highest Since 14th May. to now	1915. Lowest Since 14th May. to now	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.											
H'kong & Shai Banking Corp	$800 b. / £73/10/-	120,000	$125	all	$85	July.	700	Oct.	845 x div.	790 c. div.	£2/3/- at 1/9 5/16 equal to $24.21 for ½ year 30/6/15
Marine Insurances.											
Canton Insurance Office, Ld.	415	10,000	$250	50	350	Dec.	305	Oct.	495	360	Final of $4 a/c 1913. Interim of $18 a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ld. t	177½ b.	10,000	£15	£5	145	May	133	Jan.	175	160	Final of 12½ p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914
Union Ins. Society of C'ton, Ld.	$910 b.	12,000	$250	100	847½	April	700	Oct.	$972	$855	Final of $20 and bonus of $5 making $55 for 1913 and Interim of $30 for 1914
Yangtsze Ins. Assoc. Ld.	$430	12,000	$100	60	210	April	192½	Jan.	270	225	Final of $15 mak. $18 for 1913 & Int. of $3 for 1914
Fire Insurances.											
China Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$152 b.	20,000	$100	20	160	July	140	Oct.	162	130	$9 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$419 b.	8,000	$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	420	385	$27 for 1913
Shipping.											
Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	$107 b.	20,000	$50	all	36	Mar.	27½	Nov.	106	45	$4½ for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ld.	20 b.	80,000	$15	all	29¼	Jan.	22	Dec.	23	19	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld.	Combined $173 b. / Deferred $118 b. / Preferred $55 b.	60,000 / 60,000	£5	all	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	172	96	6 p.c. on p. s. & 3 p.c. on d. s. for year 1914. s. quoted ex 9 p.c. div in H.K. from 29.9.15. an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined s. paid in London 23.9.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.12.15.
Shell T'port & Trading Co., Ld.	8/6 s. ex div.	3,797,610	£1	al	106/-	Feb.	70/-	Sept.	90/- x div.	82/- x div.	Interim of 2/- (Coupon No 25) making 7/- for 1915
Star Ferry Company, Ld.	$37	40,000	$10	al	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	39	32	$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15
Refineries.											
China S. Refining Co., Ld.	$127½ s.	20,000	$100	all	96½	Feb.	70	Nov.	134	111	$3 for 1912
Luzon S. Refining Co., Ld.	$37 s.	7,000	$100	all	31	Jan.	17	Dec.	46	27½	$3 for 1897
Mining.											
Kaiian Mining Admin'tion	88/-	1,000,000	$1	all	41/-	Feb.	38/6	Dec.	38/6	30/-	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Rand Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	3.40 b.	200,000	£1	all	3.10	Jan.	1.90	Nov.	4	3½	1/2 for 1909
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	$7/- b	160,000	£1	all	39/-	Feb.	19/6	Nov.	32/6	25/- b.	1/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Ural Caspians	$5/- s.	796,666	$1	all	56/6		21/3		41	37/6	1/- interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.											
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ld.	$77 b.	60,000	$50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	81½	68	$3.50 for year 1914
H.K. & W.D. Co. Ld.	$81 old ex r. 77 new	50,000	$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	88½	57	$3 dividend for year 1914
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld.	59 b.	55,700	t. 100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	63½ 49 ex div.		Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15
S'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ld.	92½ b.	36,000	t. 100	all	109	Jan.	82½	Dec.	93½	80	Tls. 5 for 1914
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.											
Anglo French Lands	t.84	13,000	t.100	t.100					94	94	Tls. 6½ for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ld.	$108 b.	20,000	$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	116	112	$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co.	$104 b.	50,000	$100	all	117½	July	98	Nov.	111 x div.	108	$3½ for ½ year ending 30.6.15
H'threys Estate & F. Co., Ld.	$6.80	150,000	$10	all	9¼	Jan.	7	Nov.	7¼	6.10	45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ld.	$40 b.	6,000	$50	20	45½	Jan.	44	Feb.	40	40	$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	t.107 b.	78,000	t.50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	106	101	Dividend of 6 p.c. for ½ year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ld.	$78 b.	12,000	$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.	78	70	$2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates	$140	10,000	$100	all					103	100	$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.											
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ld.	$140 b.	20,000	t.50	all	138	July	125	May	180	135	Tls. 16 for year ending 31.10.15
Kung Yik	$14 b.	75,000	t.10	all	14½	Jan.	11	Mar.	17	13¾	Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30.11.14
Laou Kung Mow	71 b.	8,000	t.100	all	130	Feb.	70	May	89 b.	80	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	t.88 b.	40,000	t.50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	105	90	Dividend of Tls. 7½ for year ending 30.6.15
Yangtsepoos	t.6½ n.	175,000	t.5	all			—	—	6½	6½	
Miscellaneous.											
China Borneo Company, Ld.	$10¼ b.	60,000	$12	all	12	May	10	Dec.	10	10	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ld.	$4.80 b.	50,000	$5	all	4.90	July	4	April	4¼	4¼	6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)		50,000	$1	all							
China Provt. L. & M. Co., Ld.	9.80 b.	125,000	$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	10.10	8.00	70 cts. for 1914
Dairy Farm Company, Ld.	$29 b.	40,000	7½	6	39	June	35	Aug.	34	31	$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
Green Island Cement Co. Ld.	10.10 b.	400,000	$10	all	6.90	Jan.	5	Dec.	11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ld.	$44	60,000	$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	45	39	$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Ice Co., Ld.	$190 n.	6,500	$25	all	217½	July	174	Dec.	190	184	Interim of $2 account 1915
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ld.	$33 s.	60,000	$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	42½	25	Interim $1 for ½ year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld.	5¼ b	325,000	5/-	all	13/-	July	7/-	Feb.	5.90	4.80	$10 % for 1914
Langkats	t.35½	250,000	£.10	all	64½	Mar.	28	Dec.	42	36¾	Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913
Peak Tramway Co., Ld. (Old)	$10 b.	25,000	$10	all	10½	Jan.	9¼	June	10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on $1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
Do (New)	85 cts. b.	50,000	$10	$1.	93 cts.	Jan.	75 cts.	Dec.	$1	80 cts.	
Philippines Ld.	$4 b.	75,000	$10	all					4	4	None
H. Price & Co., Ld.	$5	12,000	$10	10					5	5	$1.50 for 1910
Societe des Pulpes et Papier-teries du Tonkin	$20	13,200	$50	all					20	20	None
Steam Laundry Co., Ld.	$3½	20,000	$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov.	3½	3.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15
Union Water-boat Co., Ld.	$16 s.	27,723	$10	all	22¼	Feb.	17	Jan.	18	16	$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1914
Watson and Co., Ld.	$6½ b.	90,000	$10	all	8½	April	6.90	Dec.	6.90 x div.	6½ x div.	60 cts. for 1914
William Powell, Limited	$5½	11,000	$7	all	9½	Jan.	6½	Dec.	7	5½	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post	$29 b.	6,000	$25	all	30	June	92	Dec.	29	29	$1.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 17½ buyers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 buyers.
Linggis £1
Nordanals 19/- buyers.

Ayer Panas (Straits) $7½ buyers.
Balgownies (Straits) $4½ buyers.
Changkat Serdangs (Straits) $7 buyers.

Kempas (Straits) $5 buyers.
Malaka Pindas (Straits) $2.00 buyers.
Malakoffs (Straits) $4 buyers.

Sandycrofts (Straits) $8 buyers.
Pajam (Straits) $14 buyers.
New Serendah $2.75 buyers.

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THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

EXCHANGE

Jan. 4th.

Selling		Buying			
T/T	1/11 3/16	T/T Bombay		On Haiphong	3¼% prem.
Demand	1/11 1/4	Demand Bombay	144¾	On Saigon	3
30 d/s	1/11 5/16	T/T Calcutta		On Bangkok	79 5/8
60 d/s	1/11 7/16	Demand Calcutta	144¼	**Buying**	
4 m/s	1/11 1/2	Demand Manila	91¾	4 m's. L/C	1/11 15/16
T/T Shanghai	74¾	T/T San F'co & N.Y.	45	4 m's. D/P	2/- 1/16
Private 30 d/s sight		Demand, New York	45 5/8	6 m's. L/C	2/- 3/16
T/T Singapore	52¼	T/T Java	107½	30 d/s. S'ney & M.	2/- 3/16
T/T Japan	90½	T/T Marks		30 d/s. San F'co & N.Y.	47
T/T India	144	Demand Germany		4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
Demand India	144¼	T/T France	2.68	4 m's. France	2.79
		Demand Paris	2.67 1/2	6 m/s. France	2.84

Gold Leaf per oz.	$58
Sovereign	$10.30 nom.
Bar Silver ready	26 13/16
forward	

SUBSIDIARY COINS.
Discount per $100:-

Chinese 20 cts. pieces	$18 1/4
Chinese 10 "	$16¾
Hongkong 20 cts. pieces	$10¾
Hongkong 10 "	$10¾

BANKS.

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE:—
60, Wall Street, New York.
LONDON OFFICE:
36, Bishopsgate, E.C.

BRANCHES:—
BOMBAY. LONDON.
CALCUTTA. MANILA.
CANTON. PANAMA.
CEBU. PEKING.
COLON. SAN FRANCISCO.
HANKOW. SHANGHAI.
HONGKONG. SINGAPORE.
KOBE. YOKOHAMA.

CAPITAL PAID-UP $3,950,000
RESERVE FUNDS..... 4,210,000
(U.S. Gold) $7,460,000

All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL,
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st July 1915.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.

Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ..... " 20,000,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches: Amoy, Hsien, Bombay, Calcutta, Changchun, Dairen, Fengtien, Harbin, Hankow, Honolulu, Kobe, Liao-Yang, London, Lyon, Sydney, Tientsin, Tsinanfu.
Agencies at: Nagasaki, Newchwang, New York, Osaka, Pekin, Ryojun (Port Arthur), San Francisco, Shanghai, Sydney, Tsehling, Tsitsihar, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Tsingtau, Tsinanfu.

Interest Allowed on Current account. Deposits received for fixed period ... rates to be obtained on application.

EISHI ONO, Manager
Hongkong, 21st October, 1915.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE.—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital £1,200,000
Reserve Fund £1,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Wm. DICKSON,
Manager
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HAED OFFICE HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS

For 3 Months 3% per annum
For 6 Months 4% per annum
For 12 Months 4½% per annum

LOCK POON SHAN
Chief Manager.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE Cannot be beaten, it Equalle. for Bread, Cakes, Confectionery and meals with Wines & Liquors.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital $15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:—
Sterling
£1,500,000 at 2/- = $15,000,000
Silver ... $18,000,000
$33,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors $15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. Mr. D. Landale.—Chairman.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
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Hon. Mr. E. Shellim.
CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb.
MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen.
London Bankers—London County and Westminster Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS
For 3 months. 2½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months. 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 12 months. 4 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB.
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at $3½ per cent. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15 Gracechurch Street, London.
Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund 500,000

BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.

BRANCHES:—

Bombay	Karachi
Calcutta	Kota Bharu
Colombo	Kuala Lumpur
Delhi	Madras
Galle	Penang
Hongkong	Rangoon
Howrah	Shanghai
Kandy	Singapore

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Every description of Banking & Exchange business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.
C. CHAMPKIN,
Acting Manager.

NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
1.00 A.M. to 6.00 A.M. Every 15 Mins.
6.00 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. " 10 Mins.
10.00 A.M. to 12.00 A.M. " 15 Mins.
12.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. " 10 Mins.
2.00 P.M. to 7.00 P.M. " 15 Mins.
7.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. " 10 Mins.
10.00 P.M. to 1.00 A.M. " 15 Mins.
NIGHT CARS:
Up: 2.00 and 4.00 A.M. Down: 3.00 and 5.00 A.M.
12.00 Noon every half hour.
12.00 P.M. to 12.45 P.M. every 15 mins.
SUNDAYS
7.45 A.M. to 10.00 A.M. Every 15 Mins.
10.00 A.M. to 12.00 A.M. " 10 Mins.
12.00 A.M. to 2.00 Noon " 15 Mins.
12.00 Noon to 2.00 P.M. " 10 Mins.
2.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. " 15 Mins.
6.00 P.M. to 10.00 P.M. " 10 Mins.
10.00 P.M. to 1.00 A.M. " 15 Mins.
NIGHT CARS: as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS
Extra Cars as in mornings.
SPECIAL CARS.
By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Pedder Street, Central.
"Season and punch" tickets available for all cars not already full mentioned in the time stated in the Company's time-tables, but not for special cars. Can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. For hire cars for balls, dinners, small parties, &c., apply to the Company's Office. Orders can be made for Band of Music by the Company. Companies under superintendence of Bands Master.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

TRADE IN 1915.

(Continued from page 5.)

During the year the flour receipts in Hongkong were 2,075,129 bags, as against 3,939,754 for 1914, showing a shortage for the present year of 1,864,625 bags, and the heavy drop of 3,101,494 bags from the imports of 1913. The changes for the present year show Canada a drop down from 423,334 bags to 60,000 bags, a loss of 363,334 bags, while China came in with about 200,00 bags the first ever received from that source. The causes of this great falling off in 1915 are traceable to the heavy stock carried over from 1914, the high prices ruling in the United States early in the present year, and the fact that the Chinese Government removed the restrictions and allowed the export of flour from China to foreign territory, this being entirely new and unexpected by the dealers. The effect of the change was to flood the markets of Hongkong and the Straits Settlements with China made flour, as well as all the coast ports. As the mills in Shanghai alone are capable of producing about 30,000 bags per day, if they can secure the wheat in sufficient quantities and at prices in line with the Pacific coast, no doubt they will in time be competitors for this trade. It is only in the last few years that the Shanghai mills have been brought up in size and equipment to even fill their home requirements, and no doubt in the near future they will so improve the quality of their wheat as to produce the higher grades of flour, although they have never been a financial success for the owners. The loss of the Canadian trade has been caused by the heavy demands for their product in Europe, and the shortage of tonnage owing to the withdrawal of the *Empress* liners, while Australia, which has dropped out entirely owing to the wheat shortage, could not offer any flour. The heavy produce in the harvest there gave the mills some hopes of again coming this way with their surplus production, but the Government having taken over the entire wheat crop and fixed a price fully 25 per cent. above that ruling on the Pacific coast, which practically shuts off any chance for the mills selling this way any volume of flour, as their capacity far exceeds their home consumption, the millers hopes are far from being realised, and many of them will be on short time.

Prices have not held up during the season under review. In January the average was about 325 per bag, and in August 280, while towards the time for the new crop offerings much of the stock held here was sacrificed with heavy loss to the dealers. This was not only the case with American flour, for the Shanghai product suffered severely.

The value of the years imports is roughly $5,000,000. For the present the markets all over the East are firm, and there is a fair demand. The stocks held in Hongkong at present are about 350,000 bags, with nearly as much more to arrive during the next three months.

Tonnage is now very short, and the Pacific coast mills find much difficulty in fulfilling their orders, freights having advanced from five gold dollars a year ago to twelve dollars per ton at the present time.

The prospects for the coming year are by no means bright, mill prices being too high for the native consumers.

Opium.

In their report for the past year, Messrs. S.D. Setna and Co. state:—

OPIUM:—During the first part of the year 1915, a few sales were reported in the market, latterly owing to the laying of a heavy import duty of nearly $3,500 per chest, slacked business. In September last a company was formed in Canton for purchase of whole of the Hongkong stock and the whole stock of opium thus went in the hands of the Canton Authority from the Opium Combine at prices $9,150 for Patna opium $8,950 for Benares opium, and $9,300 for Malwa opium. Thus the opium business in Hongkong from the hands of the Opium Combine passes to the Canton Company.

Bengal Opium:—During the year 1915 sales were reported of only 2 chests of Patna old at $9,200 per chest. Clearances in the year were reported of about 12 chests of Patna new, 218 chests of Patna old, 7 chests of Benares new, and 28 chests of Benares old, in all about 265 chests.

Malwa opium:—During the year sales were reported of about 126 chests at $9,300 to $6,600 (per picul). Clearances were reported of about 409 chests.

Cotton.

During the year 1915, business was reported of about 4,500 packages, compared with 2,500 in the year 1914, and 6,500 in the year 1913. Prices in 1913 were $30 to $37 (per picul), in 1914 $20 to $30 (per picul) and in 1915 $21 to $32 (per picul).

Yarn.

During the year 1915 prices show a varied fluctuation from $16 to $30 per bale. The following are statistics of sales for the years 1911 to 1915:—

In 1911	78,500
In 1912	179,000
In 1913	119,400
In 1914	77,800
In 1915	108,500

Exchange.

The exchange rates ruling during the year were:—

	T. T. Highest.	T. T. Lowest.
January	1/9¼	1/9
February	1/9⅛	1/9
March	1/10	1/9⅛
April	1/9⅛	1/9⅛
May	1/9⅛	1/9.9/16
June	1/9.9/16	1/9.5/16
July	1/9.5/16	1/9
August	1/9⅛	1/9
September	1/9⅛	1/9.5/16
October	1/10	1/9⅛
November	1/11⅛	1/10
December	1/11⅛	1/10.13/16

Highest, 1/11⅛. Lowest, 1/9.

Bar Silver.

	Ready. Highest.	Ready. Lowest.
January	22.15/16	22.9/16
February	23.1/16	22¾
March	24.5/16	23⅛
April	23.15/16	23¾
May	23.13/16	23.5/16
June	23¼	22⅞
July	22.15/16	22.5/16
August	23.1/16	22⅞
September	23⅛	23.3/16
October	24⅛	23⅛
November	27⅛	24⅛
December	27.1/16	25¼

Highest, 27¼. Lowest, 22.5/16.

TELEGRAMS.

PANAMA CANAL.

Re-opening Prospects.

(Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph.")
London. Received, Jan. 3.

Lloyds announce that there are excellent prospects of the re-opening of the Panama Canal bout the end of January.

LANGKAT OUTPUT.

Messrs. Wright and Hornby advise us that the Langkat output for last month was as follows:—

Dec.	1	...	...	Tons 152
"	2	...	...	" 150
"	3	...	...	" 138
"	4	...	...	" 151
"	5	...	...	" 150
"	6	...	...	" 138
"	7	...	...	" 148
"	8	...	...	" 149
"	9	...	...	" 147
"	10	...	...	" 146
"	11	...	...	" 154
"	12	...	...	" 152
"	13	...	...	" 151
"	14	...	...	" 163
"	15	...	...	" 148
"	16	...	...	" 143
"	17	...	...	" 146
"	18	...	...	" 144
"	19	...	...	" 145
"	20	...	...	" 142
"	21	...	...	" 138
"	22	...	...	" 138
"	23	...	...	" 125
"	24	...	...	" 130
"	25	...	...	" —
"	26	...	...	" 151
"	27	...	...	" 144
"	28	...	...	" 166
"	29	...	...	" 148
"	30	...	...	" 142
"	31	...	...	" 144
Total to 31st inst.				4,242
Daily average				146.20

January Output.

January	1	...	...	Tons 142
"	2	...	...	" 137
"	3	...	...	" 135
Total to 3rd inst.				414
Daily average				138.00

POST OFFICE.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:—

Perthos

MAILS DUE.

Siberia, Chenar, 4th Jan.
English, Nellore 7th, Jan.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Haiphong—Per TAIWAN M. 4th Jan. 5 p.m.
Hongay—Per CHUNSANG, 4th Jan. 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Anping & Takao—Per SOSHU M. 5th Jan. 7 a.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong—Per DAIGI M. 5th Jan. 9 a.m.
Sandakan—Per MAUSANG, 5th Jan. 11 a.m.
Japan via Moji—Per BORNEO M. 5th Jan. noon.
Straits, & India via Calcutta—KUMSANG, 5th Jan. 2 p.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan via Kobe—Per KUTSANG, 4th Jan. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 6th Jan.

Hoihow—Per OLEG, 6th Jan. 7 a.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong—Per LOKSANG, 6th Jan. 7 a.m.
Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 6th Jan. 9 p.m.
Hoihow & Haiphong—Per HONGKONG, 6th Jan. 11 a.m.

Siberian Mail. Shanghai North China and Europe via Siberia—Per SHANTUNG, 6th Jan. 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 10th Jan.]

FRIDAY, 7th Jan.

Shanghai & North China—Per TSIKEMBANG, 7th Jan. 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIMUN, 7th Jan. noon.

SATURDAY 8th Jan.

South American Mail. Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Hilo San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salina Cruz, Panama, Callao Arica, Iquique, Valparaiso and Coronel—Per KIYO M., 8th Dec. 11 a.m.

Philippine Is—Per YUENSANG, 8th Jan. 2 p.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per FOOKSANG, 8th Jan. 2 p.m.

United States, South American via San Francisco and U. Kingdom via Canada—Per ARAKAN, 8th Jan. 5 p.m.

MONDAY 10th Jan.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Tamsui Per—DALIJN M. 10th Jan. 5 a.m.

TUESDAY, 11th Jan.

Philippine Is—Per CHINHUA, 11th Jan. 3 p.m.

French Mail. Haiphong, Saigon, Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe.—Per ATHOS, 11th Jan. 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 12th Jan.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAICHING, 12th Jan. 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, 13th Jan.

Straits, Colombo, Durban, Cape Town, Madeira & U. Kingdom—Per MISHIMA M. 13th Jan. 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, 14th Jan.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per HITCHI M., 14th Jan. 9 a.m.

Austra-lian Mail. Philippine Is, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, & New Guinea via Thursday Islands—Per NIKKO M., 14th Jan. 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 15th Jan.

Canadian Mail. Shanghai, N. China Japan via Moji, U. States, South America via Seattle, Canada & United Kingdom via Victoria B.C.—Per SADO M. 15th Jan. 11 a.m.

TIDE TABLE.

From 2nd to 8th Jan., 1916.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Height Above Datum	High Water Time	Low Water Height Above Datum	Low Water Time
		ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.
Sat.	1	7	0.22	2 3	6.30
Sun.	2	6	1.26	2 6	7.11
Mon.	3	6	2.36	2 6	7.52
Tues.	4	7	3.50	2 3	8.36
Wed.	5	8	5.0	1 8	9.21
Thur.	6	9	6.4	1 2	10.6
Fri.	7	10	7.2	0 8	10.48

In morning a afternoon.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Pakan, Br. s.s. 4,897, H. Nicholas, 3rd Jan.—Shanghai, Gen.—B. & S.

Anna, Norw. s.s. 1,827, A. Arnfinn, 3rd Jan.—Bangkok, 26th Dec. Rice—T. & Co.

Haldis, Norw. s.s. 1,063, A. Sweon, 2nd Jan.—Nasan Bay, 30th Dec. Salt—J.C.J.L.

Regina, Rus. s.s. 1,232, Wiede, 3rd Jan.—Saigon, Rice—T. & Co.

Kaifong, Br. s.s. 987, J. R. Evans, 3rd Jan.—Haiphong, Gen.—B. & S.

Natica, Br. s.s. 3,494, G. E. S. Brameton, 3rd Jan.—Tsingtau, 29th Dec. Ballast—A. P. Co.

Childar, Norw. s.s. 1,102, Nils Hjorth, 4th Jan.—Saigon, 30th Dec. Rice—T. & Co.

S. Jacob, Dut. s.s. 1,338, T. Bauer, 4th Jan.—Singapore, Gen.—J.C.J.L.

Arakan, Dut. s.s. 3,305, S. v Roubel, 4th Jan.—Manila, Gen.—J.C.J.L.

DEPARTED.

Jan. 3.

Chipshing for Hongay
Hysan for Yokohama via Shanghai
Drufar for Bangkok via Swatow
Kwangsiee for Canton
Haldis for Canton
Kuikiang for Shanghai via Ningpo
Haiyang for Singapore
Albazar for Canton
Chiyuen for Canton
Kawachi Maru for Yokohama via Shai
Choyuang for Shanghai via Swatow
Hangwan I for Singapore via Amoy

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Jan. 3.

Nanyo Maru for Wakamatsu
Hoi On for Lanchow
Pelops for Liverpool via Singapore

Jan. 4.

Tjiliwong for Batavia
Biojun Maru for Batavia
Chuesang for Hongay
Haitan for Foochow via Swatow
Yingchow for Shanghai
Dagfin for Bangkok
Hsin Fung for Shanghai
Taiwan Maru for Haiphong
American for K.C. Wan via Macao
Frithjof for Saigon
Manila Maru for Victoria & Tacoma

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. S. Jacob from Singapore—Miss Cass.

Per ss. Arakan from Manila—Mr Captain.

Per s.s. Tacoma Maru from Manila etc.—Miss Mary E Sarthar, Miss B Runyon, Miss A de Rainer, Mrs K P Bobler, F J Kohler, H H M Cameron, H M Hare.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Dec., 1915.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1914	1915
Tytam ...	ft. in. Above overflow	ft. in. Below overflow
Tytam ...	ft. in. Below overflow	ft. in. Below overflow
Byewash ...		
Tytam Intermediate ...	ft. in. Above	ft. in. Above
Pokfulam ...	ft. in. Above overflow	ft. in. Below overflow
Wong-nai-chung ...	ft. in. Below overflow	ft. in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMAL OF GALLONS.

	1914.	1915.
Tytam ...	487.00	375.0
Tytam Byewash ...	20.50	20.50
Tytam Intermediate ...	109.40	109.40
Pokfulam ...	66.90	39.90
Wong-nai-chung ...	77.75	77.75
Total ...	754.65	654.05

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Nov. 1915.

	1914.	1915.
Consumption ...	192.84	228.10 m. gallons
Estimated population ...	299,229	284,829
Consumption per head per day ...	19.6	14.9 gallons

Constant supply is all districts during November 1914. Service to houses in Eder Main disconnected from Eder Mains and supply given by public street fount ins only during December 1915.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1914	1915
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir ...	Level with overflow	ft. in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1914.	1915.
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir ...	352.50	337.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and Decimals of Gallons During the month of Nov. 1915.

	1914.	1915.
Consumption ...	30.52	34.07 m. gallons
Estimated population ...	95,490	97,950
Consumption per head per day ...	11.4	11.5 gallons

The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department.

W. CHATHAM
Water Authority.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 9 p.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 9 a.m.
Barometer ...	30.61	30.59	30.66
Temperature ...	67	65	72
Humidity ...	74	89	64
Wind Direction ...	ESE	E	E
Force ...	4	1	4
Weather ...	b	bf	o
Rain ...	—	—	—
Highest sun ...			79° 68
Lowest ...			65

H.K. Observatory, 4th January.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 4th at 7.30 a.m. the anticyclone has strengthened. It is now centred in the neighbourhood of Wellington. A general increase of pressure is shown in all districts except N. Japan, where it has decreased moderately.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the east coast of China and over the S. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.09 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood.	Easterly winds, fresh to moderate; fair.
2 Formosa Channel ...	N.E. gale, moderating, later.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamock's	N.E. winds, fresh to moderate
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan ...	Easterly winds, moderate to light.

China Coast Meteorological Register. 4th January, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind: Direction.	Wind: Force.	Weather.
Woosung	6a						
Nagasaki	8a	29.93			nw	7	
Hakodate	"	30.11			nw	4	
Tokio	"	30.22			wnw	1	
Kochi	"	30.17			wnw	1	
Nagasaki	"	30.19				0	
Kagima	"	30.29			w	1	
Oshima	"	29.52				0	
Naha	"	30.21			nne	1	
Ishigima	"	30.11			nne	5	
Bonin Is.	"	30.08			nne	1	
Chefoo	6a						
Whaiwei	"	30.56	32	72	nne	7b	
Hsaklow	"						
Ichang	"						
Kiukiang	"						
Changsha	"						
Shanghai	"	30.35	45	92	nne	2b	
Gutzlaff	"	30.31	47		ene	4b	
Sharp P.	"	30.13	53	92	nw	2r	
Amoy	9a	30.11	67	69	ne	2b	
Swatow	6	30.04	94	89		0b	
Tatshoku	5a	30.05	66	92	e	6b	
Taichu	"	30.00	61			0b	
Tainan	"	30.02	54		n	4b	
Koshun	"	29.94	72		e	7o	
P'dorus	"						
Canton	6a	30.05	61	94	nne	2c	
H'kong	"	30.03	65	89	e	1cf	
Gap Rock	"						
Macao	"	30.01	64	96	e	1c	
Wuchow	9a						
Pakhoi	"						
Hoihow	"						
Phullen	6a	30.02	64	98	e	2cf	
Tourane	"	29.95	68			0c	
C. St. J.	"	29.87	72		ne	2c	
Aparri	"	29.84	73	94		0c	
Dagupan	"	29.76	75	91	nne	4c	
Manila	"	29.80	75	89	ne	2c	
Legaspi	"	29.84	73	96		0b	
Tacloban	"	29.84	77	96		0r	
Iloilo	"	29.82	73	94		0c	
Surigao	"						
Labuan	"	29.84	76	94	n	2cf	

RADIO—TELEGRAMS.

* Arakan

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, January 4.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

* No position given.

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